

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE  
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5 Legislative Document

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7 H.P. 30

House of Representatives, January 8, 1985

8 Reference to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and  
9 ordered printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Vose of Eastport.

11 Cosponsored by Representative Callahan of Mechanic Falls and  
Representative Moholland of Princeton.

12 STATE OF MAINE  
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE  
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17 AN ACT Concerning the Distribution of  
18 Atlantic Salmon Smolts and the  
19 Conservation of Atlantic Salmon.  
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
22 follows:

23 Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6255, sub-§5, as enacted by PL  
24 1983, c. 680, §3, is amended to read:

25 5. Tags. Any Atlantic salmon taken from inland  
26 waters or coastal waters, designated in subsection 2,  
27 shall be immediately tagged with a tag bearing the  
28 license number of the person who caught the fish.  
29 Five of these tags shall be issued with each Atlantic  
30 salmon license. It is unlawful for any person to  
31 have in his possession an Atlantic salmon that has  
32 not been so tagged while fishing on waters described  
33 in ~~section~~ subsection 2. Any person fishing on the  
34 coastal waters described in subsection 2 shall have  
35 at least one unused tag in his possession.

1           Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6256 is enacted to read:

2       §6256. Distribution of Atlantic salmon smolt

3           The commission shall prepare and annually carry  
4       out a plan for the distribution of Atlantic salmon  
5       smolt which provides that each river identified in  
6       section 6255 shall receive at least 1% of all Atlan-  
7       tic salmon smolt distributed in each year.

8                               STATEMENT OF FACT

9           The purpose of this bill is to improve the en-  
10       forcement provisions for salmon fishing on the most  
11       attractive segments of the state's salmon rivers. The  
12       bill encourages the development of a catch and re-  
13       lease fishery for Atlantic salmon which is in the  
14       best interests of an increasing salmon population.  
15       The bill also ensures that each of the salmon rivers  
16       receive some salmon smolt to offset the growing fish-  
17       ing pressure along these rivers. The bill will not  
18       significantly affect the quantity of smolt available  
19       for the commission's ongoing efforts on the major  
20       salmon rivers.

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