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STATE OF MAINE	
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SIX	
AN ACT Concerning Atlantic Salmon.	
Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine follows:	as
<pre>Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6255, sub-§1, as enacted by 1983, c. 680, §3, is amended to read:</pre>	PL
1. License required. It is unlawful for a person to fish for Atlantic salmon from the areas a dieated in subsection 2 in all inland and coas waters, or take, possess, ship or transport Atlantic salmon taken from these waters without a current a lantic salmon license.	<u>in-</u> tal tic
Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6255, sub-§2, as enacted by 1983, c. 680, §3, is repealed.	PL
Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §6255, sub-§3, ¶B, as enacted PL 1983, c. 680, §3, is repealed and the follow: enacted in its place:	by ing

1 2	<u>B. The fees for Atlantic salmon licenses are as follows.</u>
3	(1) The fee for an Atlantic salmon license
4	is \$30 for any nonresident 16 years of age
5	or older.
6	(2) The fee for a 3-day Atlantic salmon li-
7	cense is \$15 for any nonresident 16 years of
8	age or older. This license may not be ex-
9	changed for a season license.
10	(3) The fee for an Atlantic salmon license
11	is \$5 for any nonresident under 16 years of
12	age.
13 14	<b>Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §6255, sub-§5,</b> as enacted by PL 1983, c. 680, §3, is amended to read:
15	5. Tags. Any Atlantic salmon taken from inland
16	waters or coastal waters, designated in subsection 27
17	shall be immediately tagged with a tag bearing the
18	license number of the person who caught the fish.
19	Five of these tags shall be issued with each Atlantic
20	salmon license; except that only one tag shall be is-
21	sued with a license for any license under subsection
22	3, paragraph B, subparagraphs (2) and (3). It is un-
23	lawful for any person to have in his possession an
24	Atlantic salmon that has not been so tagged white
25	fishing on waters described in section 2, except as
26	provided in subsection 6.
27	Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §6255, sub-§5, ¶A is enacted to
28	read:
29	A. Whenever an Atlantic salmon is taken, the
30	person who killed and tagged the fish is required
31	by law to adhere to the following procedures.
32	(1) Within 12 hours, the person who killed
33	the salmon shall present the salmon for reg-
34	istration and tagging at a salmon registra-
35	tion station. A fee of \$1 may be charged by
36	the agent who registers the fish. Exemp-
37	tions to the registration requirement are as
38	follows:

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1 2	(a) Atlantic salmon less than 25 inches in length;
3 4	(b) Atlantic salmon which are imported from outside of the State; and
5 6	(c) Atlantic salmon imported by taxi- dermists solely for taxidermy purposes.
7 8 9 10	(2) The salmon must be registered at the first open salmon registration station on the route taken by the person killing the fish.
11 12	(3) The person who killed the salmon must register the fish in his own name.
13 14 15	(4) Information requested concerning each salmon registered must be reported truthfully and accurately.
16 17 18 19	(5) It is unlawful to possess, sell, give away, accept as a gift, offer for transpor- tation or transport an Atlantic salmon which has not been lawfully tagged.
20 21 22 23 24 25	(6) It is unlawful to possess any part of an Atlantic salmon taken from the inland or coastal waters of this State, unless each part is plainly labeled with the name and address of the person who registered the fish.
26	STATEMENT OF FACT
27 28 29 30	Section 1 requires an Atlantic salmon license in all inland and coastal waters of the State. At the present time a license is required only in designated coastal waters of 12 Maine rivers.
31 32	Section 2 repeals the limit of application provi- sion.
33 34	Section 3 establishes 3-day and "junior" nonresi- dent Atlantic salmon licenses at a reduced fee.

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1 Section 4 provides for the tagging of all salmon 2 legally caught in inland or coastal waters.

3 Section 5 provides for the registration of any 4 Atlantic salmon at designated registration stations. 5 Exemptions are provided for Atlantic salmon less than 6 25 inches, since fish of that size could be confused 7 with landlocked salmon, and Atlantic salmon that are 8 imported from outside the State.

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