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(EMERGENCY) FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document No. 452 S.P. 155 In Senate, February 20, 1987. Reference to the Committee on Marine Resources suggested and ordered printed. JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate Presented by Senator RANDALL of Washington. Cosponsored by Representative LOOK of Jonesboro, Representative FARREN of Cherryfield. STATE OF MAINE IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN AN ACT Relating to Taking of Shad in Addison and Columbia Falls. Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and Whereas, in order to conserve the natural sources of the State, it becomes vitally necessary, from time to time, to regulate certain of the fishing resources; and Whereas, the run of Atlantic salmon in River occurs June to November each year; and Pleasant

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1 Whereas, the following legislation is immediately 2 required to provide for the taking of shad in the 3 tidal waters of Addison and Columbia Falls during the 4 month of May, annually, according to the best conservation practices; and

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Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

§6553-A. Implements and devices in Washington County waters

Between May <u>June</u> 1st and December 1st of 18 year, it shall be unlawful to set or use any device, 19 20 such as fish spawn, grapnel, spear, trawl, weir, gaff, seine, gill net, trap or set line on the waters 21 of the Pleasant River and its tributaries in Columbia 22 23 Falls and Addison, in Washington County, above Maine 24 River Bridge, so-called, in Addison, and during closed period no person may have in his possession 25 any grapnel, trawl, weir, seine, gill net, trap 26 27 on the waters of the Pleasant River or its line 28 tributaries within those boundaries. This section does not apply to the taking of eels by spear from 29 those waters during the month of November annually. 30 31 This section does not apply to the taking of alewives 32 from those waters as authorized by the general law or 33 by vote of the Town of Columbia Falls. Any equipment used in violation of this section shall be confis-34 cated by the commissioner, after final adjudication 35 36 of any charge brought under this section.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved. STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill allows the taking of shad during the month of May in Addison and Columbia Falls by changing the beginning of the closed season from May 1st to June 1st.

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