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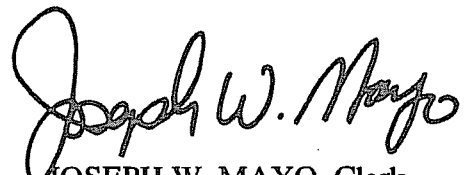
No. 772

H.P. 567

House of Representatives, March 4, 1993

An Act to Provide for an Open Season on Most Inland Fisheries in the State.

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


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative GREENLAW of Standish.

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

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4 Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7552, first ¶, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 420, §1, is amended to read:

6 Except as provided in subsection 5, and except as the
8 commissioner may by rule provide, ~~the--following--shall--be--the~~
10 there is a continual open seasons season for fishing all species
in the State except for salmon, trout and togue. All opening and
closing dates for salmon, trout and togue are inclusive.

12 Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7552, sub-§§1 to 4, as enacted by PL 1979, c.
14 420, §1, are amended to read:

16 1. Salmon, trout and togue in lakes and ponds. The open
18 season for all-fish salmon, trout and togue in waters or portions
of waters naturally free of ice in lakes and ponds shall-be is
from April 1st to September 30th.

20 2. Salmon, trout and togue in rivers. The open season for
22 all-fish salmon, trout and togue in the rivers above tidewater in
waters free of ice shall-be is from April 1st to September 15th.

24 3. Salmon trout and togue in brooks and streams. The open
26 season for all-fish salmon, trout and togue in brooks and streams
in waters free of ice shall-be is from April 1st to August 15th.

28 4. Boundary waters between Maine and New Brunswick. The
30 open water fishing season on boundary waters between Maine and
New Brunswick shall-be for salmon, trout and togue is from April
15th to September 30th.

32 Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §7552, sub-§5, ¶H, as enacted by PL 1989, c.
34 913, Pt. B, §10, is amended to read:

36 H. Whenever the last day of open water fishing season for
38 salmon, trout and togue falls on a Saturday, the
40 commissioner shall issue a rule extending the season one day
to include the following Sunday.

42 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

44 This bill establishes a continuous open season on the taking
46 of most inland fish.