

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SECOND REGULAR SESSION-2000

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No. 2579

S.P. 1011

In Senate, February 22, 2000

An Act to Provide an Angling Season for Atlantic Salmon.

(AFTER DEADLINE)

(EMERGENCY)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator RUHLIN of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative DUNLAP of Old Town and
Senators: CASSIDY of Washington, KIEFFER of Aroostook, Representatives: BAGLEY of
Machias, CAMPBELL of Holden, DUGAY of Cherryfield, FISHER of Brewer, GOODWIN
of Pembroke, LaVERDIERE of Wilton.

2 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not
become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted
as emergencies; and

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6 Whereas, the 90-day period will expire after the beginning
of the angling season for Atlantic salmon established in this
Act; and

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10 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
12 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
safety; now, therefore,

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

16 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §9907**, as amended by PL 1999, c. 401, Pt. BB,
18 §16, is further amended to read:

20 **§9907. Atlantic salmon; limits; method of taking**

22 Unless otherwise provided by rule adopted by the commission,
a person may not:

24 1. **Minimum length.** Take or possess Atlantic salmon that
26 are less than 14 inches in total length;

28 2. **Method of taking.** ~~From May 1st to October 15th~~ During
open season on Atlantic salmon as established in this section,
30 take Atlantic salmon in Maine waters by means other than hook and
line with an unweighted salmon fly. An Atlantic salmon taken by
32 any other means must be immediately released; or

34 ~~3. Closed season. From October 16th to April 30th, take~~
Atlantic salmon from Maine waters by any means;

36 ~~4. Bag limit. Take more than one Atlantic salmon in one~~
day from Maine waters. ~~No more than 5 Atlantic salmon per person~~
38 may be taken annually from all waters of the State; ~~or~~

40 5. **Disposition.** Sell or offer for sale any Atlantic salmon
42 taken from Maine waters, except Atlantic salmon lawfully raised
by means of aquaculture.

44 Notwithstanding section 9902, a person may angle for and
46 release unharmed Atlantic salmon from Maine waters only from May
1st to July 5th and from the Sunday before Labor Day to October
48 10th.

2 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

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SUMMARY

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8 This bill provides that a person may angle for and release
unharmd Atlantic salmon from Maine waters only from May 1st to
July 5th and from the Sunday before Labor Day to October 10th.