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House of Representatives, February 20, 2003

An Act To Allow Smelt Fishing in Long Lake in Aroostook County

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative SMITH of Van Buren.
Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and
Representatives: BENNETT of Caribou, JACKSON of Fort Kent, PARADIS of Frenchville.

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

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Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7552, sub-§5-A, ¶C, as amended by PL 2001, c. 387, §27, is further amended to read:

C. Whenever the last day of open-water fishing season falls on a Saturday, the season is extended one day to include the following Sunday; and

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7552, sub-§5-A, ¶D, as amended by PL 1999, c. 319, §1, is further amended to read:

D. The commissioner by rule may extend the open-water fishing season as long as such an extension does not pose a threat to the fishery. Rules adopted under this paragraph may include provisions that establish catch-and-release-only restrictions on landlocked salmon, trout, togue and bass; and

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §7552, sub-§5-A, ¶E is enacted to read:

E. And any rule prohibiting the taking of smelt adopted by the commissioner, smelt fishing by use of a dip net is allowed on that part of Long Lake and its tributaries in Township 17, Range 3, Aroostook County. The bag limit is 2 quarts per person.

SUMMARY

This bill allows smelt fishing by use of a dip net on that part of Long Lake and its tributaries in Township 17, Range 3, Aroostook County. The bill also sets the bag limit at 2 quarts per person.