

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 121st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 383

In Senate, March 5, 2003

### An Act To Encourage Youth Participation in Fishing

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Joy J. O'Brien'.

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator KNEELAND of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Senators: CARPENTER of York, SHOREY of Washington, WESTON of Waldo, YOUNGBLOOD of Penobscot.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7557**, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 455, §36, is  
amended to read:

6 **§7557. Identifying waters where children may not**  
8 **fish with single baited hook and line**

10 Rules adopted by the commissioner that set forth the special  
12 fishing regulations for inland waters of the State must include a  
list of waters where a person under 12 years of age may not fish  
with a single baited hook and line.

14 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7559**, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 642, §1, is  
repealed.

16 **Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §7560** is enacted to read:

18 **§7560. Fishing with worms**

20 A person 12 years of age or younger may fish from shore in  
22 all areas of the State with a single-baited hook and line using  
24 worms, except in the rivers that have a salmon population listed  
as endangered during the open water fishing season.

26 **SUMMARY**

28 This bill allows a person 12 years of age or younger to fish  
30 with worms in all areas of the State, except in the rivers that  
have salmon that are listed as endangered.