

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 26.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVEN.

AN ACT amendatory of chapter one hundred and twenty-five of the public laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-six, for the protection of land-locked salmon, trout and bass.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

Sections one, two, three, of the public laws of
2 eighteen hundred and seventy-six, are hereby amended,
3 so as to read as follows :

4 *Sect. 1.* There shall be an annual close-time for
5 land-locked salmon, commonly so-called trout, black
6 bass and Oswego bass, in all the waters of this state,
7 as follows, viz : For land-locked salmon from the
8 fifteenth day of September to the first day of March

9 following ; for trout, so that they shall not be taken
10 for the purpose of sale from the first day of October
11 to the first day of March following, or for any purpose
12 from the first day of October to the first day of Jan-
13 uary following ; and the black bass and Oswego bass,
14 from the first day of April to the first day of June
15 following.

16 *Sect. 2.* No person shall at any time catch, take,
17 kill or fish for any land-locked salmon, trout, black
18 bass or Oswego bass, by means of any grapnel, spear,
19 trawl, weir, net, seine or trap, under a penalty of not
20 less than ten nor more than thirty dollars for each
21 offence, and a further fine of one dollar for each
22 fish so caught, taken or killed ; and all grapnels,
23 spears, trawls, weirs, nets, seines and traps are hereby
24 prohibited on the fresh water lakes, ponds and streams
25 of this state ; and when found in use or operation on
26 said lakes, ponds or streams, they are hereby declared
27 forfeit and contraband, and any person finding them in
28 use in said waters is hereby authorized to destroy the
29 same.

30 *Sect. 3.* No person shall catch, take, kill, expose
31 for sale or have in possession, except alive, any land-
32 locked salmon between the fifteenth day of September
33 and the first day of March following, or any trout
34 between the first day of October and the first day of

35 January following ; and no person shall sell or expose
36 for sale, any trout, except alive, between the first day
37 of October and the first day of March following ; or
38 any black bass or Oswego bass between the first day
39 of April and the first day of June following, under a
40 penalty of not less than ten dollars, nor more than
41 thirty dollars for each offence, and a further fine of
42 one dollar for each fish thus caught, taken, killed, sold
43 or exposed for sale, or in possession contrary to the
44 provisions in this section.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
January 20, 1877. }

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ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*