

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 9.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend chapter one hundred and ninety-six of the public laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-one, relating to river fisheries.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter one hundred and ninety-six
2 of the public laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-
3 one is hereby amended as follows: Insert after the
4 word "weir" in the fourth line of the first section,
5 the following, "provided that no part of such weir
6 known as the leader, shall be in more than two feet
7 depth of water at low water," also, strike out the
8 words "ordinary low water mark," in the sixth line
9 of said section, and insert in place thereof the fol-
10 lowing words, "the before mentioned two feet limit

11 of depth," so that as amended, the section shall
12 read as follows, viz:

13 *Sect. 1.* The limit of depth prescribed for weirs
14 in section thirty-four of chapter forty of the revised
15 statutes of eighteen hundred and seventy-one, shall
16 be measured at the entrance of the weir, *provided*
17 that no part of such weir known as the leader, shall
18 be in more than two feet depth of water at low
19 water mark. Weirs may exceed the limit of two
20 feet depth, measured as aforesaid, under the follow-
21 ing conditions, namely: first, the distance from
22 the before mentioned two feet limit of depth to the
23 entrance of such weir, shall not exceed one hundred
24 feet; second, no such weir shall obstruct more than
25 one-eighth part of the width channel; third, every
26 such weir shall be stripped so as to render it inca-
27 pable of taking fish on and after the fifteenth day
28 of June, annually; these conditions to apply only
29 to weirs that exceed the aforesaid limit of depth.

SECT. 2. The standard for low water mark on the
2 Kennebec river shall in all cases be the nearest
3 "bench mark" of the United States Coast Survey,
4 allowance being made at the various points for the
5 difference in time.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
January 15, 1879. }

Reported from the Committee on Fisheries, by Mr. FARRINGTON of Fryeburg, and ordered printed under the Joint Rule.

B. L. STAPLES, *Clerk.*