

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# FIFTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE.

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HOUSE.

No. 42.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT to amend chapter seventy-five of the public laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, entitled “an act to regulate and protect fisheries and the propagation of fish.”

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

Section twenty-three of chapter seventy-five of  
2 the public laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-  
3 eight is hereby amended by striking out the words  
4 “fish culture is,” in the fourteenth line, and  
5 inserting in place thereof the following words:  
6 “parent fish are taken in the manner and at the  
7 time and place permitted by law for the capture of  
8 such fish for food; nor shall it apply to any opera-  
9 tions in fish culture,” so that, as amended, said  
10 section shall read as follows, viz:

11 *Sect. 23.* Any person engaged in the artificial  
12 propagation of fish known as trout, fresh and salt  
13 water salmon, on any water in this state when the  
14 parent fish are taken from public waters in this  
15 state, shall retain not less than twenty-five per  
16 cent. of all eggs taken from said parent fish, and  
17 cause the same to be properly cared for and  
18 hatched, and when hatched and in proper condi-  
19 tion, to be returned to a suitable place for such  
20 young fish, in the original waters from which the  
21 parent fish were taken, and to cause said parent  
22 fish to be returned to safe locations in the waters  
23 from which they were taken, under a penalty of  
24 not less than fifty nor more than five hundred  
25 dollars for each offence. But the provisions of this  
26 section shall not apply to cases in which the parent  
27 fish are taken in the manner and at the time and  
28 place permitted by law for the capture of such fish  
29 for food; nor shall it apply to any operations in  
30 fish culture conducted for public purposes by per-  
31 mission of the commissioners of fisheries of this  
32 state, who may affix such conditions to their permits  
33 as they may see fit, but requiring in no case less  
34 than twenty-five per cent. of the young fish to be  
35 returned as provided in this section.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
February 1, 1879. }

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

B. L. STAPLES, *Clerk.*