

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty - Third Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 82.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT for the protection of Salmon and Alewives
in Pleasant River, Washington County.

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

SECTION 1. From and after the passage of this
2 act, no person shall be allowed to take any salmon
3 or alewives in the waters of Pleasant River, in
4 Washington County, with any large nets, spears or
5 scoop nets, or in any weir between sunrise Friday
6 of each week, and sunrise Monday of each succeed-
7 ing week, under a penalty of twenty dollars for
8 each and every fish so taken.

SECT. 2. The owner or owners of all weirs and
2 other machines placed in said waters, for the pur-
3 pose of taking said fish, shall cause the same to be
4 kept open from sunrise on Friday of each week,
5 till sunrise Monday of each succeeding week, under
6 a penalty of fifty dollars for each offence.

SECT. 3. No person shall build or place in said
2 waters, for taking alewives, any weir of any kind
3 whatever, higher than a half tide weir, under a
4 penalty of fifty dollars.

SECT. 4. It shall be the duty of each town and
2 plantation, Beddington excepted, through which
3 said river passes, at their annual meeting in March
4 or April, to choose three suitable persons for a fish
5 committee, who shall be sworn faithfully and im-
6 partially to discharge the duties required of them
7 by this act.

SECT. 5. There shall be good and sufficient fish-
2 way for the passage of salmon and alewives, made
3 over or around every dam, in or across said river or
4 any of its branches where said fish have usually
5 passed, by the owners or occupants of said dams;
6 and said fish-ways shall be kept open at all times
7 between the fifteenth day of May and the fifteenth
8 day of September in each year; and any owner or
9 occupant of such dam who shall neglect or refuse

10 to make and keep open such fish-way after ten
11 days' notice in writing by said committee, shall
12 forfeit a sum not less than one hundred dollars for
13 every offence.

SECT. 6. No person shall erect any eel weir in
2 any part of said river or its branches, or in any of
3 its lakes, from or through which said river may
4 flow, so as to stop or impede the passage of said
5 fish in said river, or take said fish in eel pots, under
6 a penalty of ten dollars.

SECT. 7. All nets, seines, craft, barrels and salt
2 used in taking or curing fish in violation of this
3 act, and all fish so taken shall be forfeited and may
4 be seized by said committee or any one of them,
5 when so used, and shall be proceeded against as
6 directed in the act prescribing the mode of recov-
7 ering forfeitures of personal property liable thereto
8 by law.

SECT. 8. No person shall take fish of either of
2 the kinds aforesaid, within a line three rods below
3 the lower roll dam, and a line one rod above the
4 Harris dam on said river, unless permitted to do so
5 by the fish committee, for the propagation of said
6 fish, under a penalty of not less than two or more
7 than twenty dollars.

SECT. 9. If any person shall resist such fish
2 committee, or either of them, in the execution of
3 their duties prescribed by this act, he shall forfeit
4 a sum not less than ten dollars or more than fifty
5 dollars.

SECT. 10. The inhabitants of every town and
2 plantation through which said river passes, are
3 empowered at any legal meeting, by their vote, to
4 prohibit all persons other than inhabitants and resi-
5 dents of the same, from taking any of the fish
6 aforesaid, within limits of such town or plantation,
7 and any person who shall take said fish contrary to
8 such vote shall forfeit ten dollars for each and
9 every offence.

SECT. 11. No person shall take at any time by
2 means of seine, scoop-net, or drag-net or weir, any
3 salmon, under penalty of not less than twenty or
4 more than fifty dollars for every fish so taken.

SECT. 12. If any person having taken any ale-
2 wives from said waters or purchased any so taken,
3 shall permit them to become tainted and offensive
4 to the inhabitants, he shall forfeit and pay the sum
5 of twenty dollars for each offence.

SECT. 13. The penalties imposed by this act may
2 be recovered by action of debt, one-half to the use

3 of the county wherein the offence was committed,
4 and the other half to the use of the person who
5 shall sue therefor.

SECT. 14. All acts and parts of acts inconsis-
2 ent with this act are hereby repealed.



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IN SENATE, March 9, 1887.

Reported by Mr. HINCKLEY, from Committee on Fisheries and Game,
and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

C. W. TILDEN, Secretary.