

Sixty-Sixth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 27.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND NINETY-THREE.

AN ACT, entitled An Act to amend section 43 of chapter40 of the Revised Statutes, relating to a Weekly CloseTime for the Taking of Fish.

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

Section 43 of chapter 40 of the Revised Statutes, is 2 amended as follows: By adding at the end of said section 3 the following words, 'or to the Aroostook river and its 4 tributaries', so that said section, as amended, shall read 5 as follows:

'Between the first day of April and the fifteenth day of 7 July, there shall be a weekly close time of forty-eight 8 hours, from sunrise on each Saturday morning to sunrise 9 on the following Monday morning, during which no

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10 salmon, shad, alewives or bass, shall be taken. During the weekly close time, all seines, nets and other movable 11 apparatus shall be removed from the water. Each wier 12 shall have, in that part where the fish are usually taken, 13 an opening three feet wide, extending from the bottom 14 15 to the top of the weir, and the netting, or other material 16 which closes the same, while fishing shall be taken out, carried on shore and there remain during the weekly 17 close time to the intent that during said close time, the 18 19 fish may have a free and unobstructed passage through said wier, or other structure, and no contrivance which 20 tends to hinder such fish shall be placed in any part 21 If the enclosure where the fish are taken is 22 thereof. furnished with a board floor, an opening extending from 2324 the floor to the top of the wier is equivalent to one extending from the bottom to the top. The penalty for $\mathbf{25}$ $\mathbf{26}$ the violation of this section is twenty dollars for each 27 This section does not apply to the Kennebec, offence. Androscoggin or Penobscot rivers, or their tributaries, $\mathbf{28}$ 29 or to the St. Croix river below the breakwater, at the ledge, or to the Aroostook river and its tributaries.' 30

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Reported by Mr. STODDARD of Washburn, from Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, Clerk.