

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Sixth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 208.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT relating to the Protection of Fish in Cobscook or
Orange River.

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

SECTION 1. The entire control and authority over the
2 fishways and the right and privilege of taking salmon,
3 shad and alewives in the Orange river, within the limits of
4 the town of Whiting, in the county of Washington, is here-
5 by granted to said town of Whiting; but nothing contained
6 in this act is intended to be in conflict with the fortieth
7 chapter of the Revised Statutes and its amendments.

SECT. 2. Said town, at any legal town meeting, when
2 an article shall be duly inserted in the warrant for that
3 purpose, is hereby authorized and empowered to take all
4 such action as may be necessary to cause proper fishways

5 to be opened, constructed and maintained through the
6 dams on said river, within the limits of said town, and
7 for that purpose may choose committees or authorize the
8 selectmen to cause it to be done, who may act for them-
9 selves, or appoint a committee or committees for that
10 purpose. And said town may raise the necessary amount
11 of money to cause said fishways to be built and main-
12 tained, instead of requiring the owners of the dams to do
13 it, as they think best.

SECT. 3. The said selectmen or committees in dis-
2 charge of their duties under this act, are authorized and
3 empowered to pass over the land of any proprietor on said
4 river, or through any mills or buildings so far as it may be
5 necessary to the proper discharge of their duties, and the
6 damages, if any, arising from the exercise of such authority
7 shall be assessed by the county commissioners of Washing-
8 ton county.

SECT. 4. It shall not be lawful for any person to take
2 any salmon, shad or alewives in said river without per-
3 mission of said town, within two years from the time this
4 act shall take effect, and any person so offending shall on
5 conviction be punished by a fine of ten dollars for each of-
6 fense, one-half to the complainant and the other half to
7 said town.

SECT. 5. It shall and may be lawful for said town in-
2 stead of appointing a committee as aforesaid, to contract
3 with some suitable person or persons, upon proper terms
4 and conditions, to cause the said fishways to be built and

5 maintained, who shall have the same rights, authority and
6 protection as such selectmen or committee would have.

SECT. 6. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 25, 1893. }

Reported by Mr. ROSS of Cumberland, from Committee on Shore Fisheries, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*