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Sixty-Sixth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 217.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT relating to the use of purse and drag seines in State Waters.

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

SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful to use any purse or

- 2 drag seines in the following waters, but in no others.
 - SECT. 2. In Casco bay north of a line drawn easterly
- 2 from Princes point in the town of Yarmouth to Bear island
- 3 in the town of Phippsburg, excepting for smelts.
 - SECT. 3. In the Kennebec river above a line drawn
- 2 across said river at Fort Popham in the town of Phipps-
- 3 burg to a point opposite at the lower end of Long island
- 4 in the town of Georgetown.

- SECT. 4. In the Sheepscot river above a bridge leading 2 from Wiscasset to Edgecomb.
 - SECT. 5. In the Damariscotta river above a line drawn
- 2 from Farnham's Head in the town of Boothbay to a point
- 3 opposite on the shore in the town of Bristol, excepting the
- 4 use of drag seines between the above line and Merrill's
- 5 ledges, for all fish excepting alewives.
 - Sect. 6. In the Madomok river above a line drawn
- 2 from Martin's point in the town of Friendship westerly by
- 3 the northeast end of Hog island to a point opposite in the
- 4 town of Bremen, or to take smelts in said river and its
- 5 tributaries in any other way than by hook and line.
 - SECT. 7. In the Georges river above a line drawn from
- 2 Harper's point in the town of St. George westerly past the
- 3 northerly end of Caldwell's island to a point opposite on
- 4 the shore in the town of Cushing, or to take smelts in said
- 5 river and its tributaries in any other way than by hook and
- 6 line.
- SECT. 8. Together with all bays, inlets, rivers and
- 2 harbors east of the west shore of the Penobscot bay and
- 3 river where any entrance to the same or any part thereof
- 4 from land to land is not more than three nautical miles in
- 5 width, under a penalty not exceeding five hundred dollars
- 6 for each offence for such unlawful fishing to be recovered
- ·7 in an action of debt.
- SECT. 9. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this 2 act are hereby repealed.
 - SECT. 10. This act shall take effect when approved.

MAJORITY REPORT.

The Committee on Sea Shore Fisheries to which was referred the Bill, entitled "An Act relating to the use of purse and drag seines in State waters," have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to report the same in a new draft, under same title and that it ought to pass.

ELMER P. SPOFFORD,
A. R. NICKERSON,
SAMUEL ROSS,
LUTHER MADDOCKS,
W. B. THURLOW.

MINORITY REPORT.

The Committee on Sea Shore Fisheries to which was referred the Bill, entitled "An Act relating to the use of purse and drag seines in State waters," have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to report that the same ought not to pass.

H. W. SWANTON,L. R. COOK,M. H. FERGUSON.

STATE OF MAINE.

House of Representatives, February 28, 1893.

Tabled pending acceptance of either report, by Mr. MADDOCKS of Boothbay Harbor; both reports and bill ordered printed.

W. S. COTTON, Clerk.