

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

Sixty-Ninth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 51.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend chapter two hundred eighty-five of the
Public Laws of eighteen hundred ninety-seven.

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

Section fifteen of chapter two hundred eighty-five of the
2 Public Laws of eighteen hundred ninety-seven is hereby
3 amended by striking out of said section in the thirty-second
4 and thirty-third lines thereof, the words "from the first day
5 of June to the first day of November," and inserting in place
6 thereof the words 'and the use of nets seventy-five yards in
7 length and five yards in width, for each vessel or boat
8 employed in taking or fishing for herring, provided, that no

9 such vessel or boat thus employed shall interfere with the
10 weirs, from the first day of May to the first day of Decem-
11 ber;’ so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows :

‘Sect. 15. It shall be unlawful to use any purse or drag
13 seines in the following waters, but no others. In Casco bay
14 north of a line easterly from Prince’s point in the town of
15 Yarmouth to Bear island in the town of Phippsburg, except-
16 ing for smelts, bluebacks and spurling. In Kennebec river
17 above a line drawn across said river at Fort Popham in the
18 town of Phippsburg to a point opposite at the lower end of
19 Long island in the town of Georgetown. In the Sheepscot
20 river above a bridge leading from Wiscasset to Edgecomb.
21 In Damariscotta river above a line drawn from Farnham’s
22 head in the town of Boothbay to a point opposite on the
23 shore in the town of Bristol excepting the use of drag seines
24 between the above line and the ledges, for all fish excepting
25 alewives. In the Medomak river, above a line drawn from
26 Martin’s point in the town of Friendship, westerly by the
27 northeast end of Hog island to a point opposite in the town
28 of Bremen, or to take smelts in said river and its tributaries
29 in any other way than by hook and line. In the Georges
30 river, above a line drawn from Hooper’s point in the town
31 of Saint George, westerly past the northerly end of Cald-
32 well’s island to a point opposite on the shore in the town of
33 Cushing, or to take smelts in said river and its tributaries
34 in any other way than by hook and line. All bays, inlets,
35 rivers and harbors east of the west shore of the Penobscot
36 bay and river where any entrance to the same or any part
37 thereof from main land to main land is not more than three

38 nautical miles in width, but purse and drag seines may be
39 used for the purpose of taking smelts in these waters except
40 in Bluehill bay, under a penalty of not exceeding five hun-
41 dred dollars for each offense for such unlawful fishing to
42 be recovered in an action of debt. The taking of herring,
43 or fishing therefor, by the use of purse or drag seines and
44 all other seines or nets, except the use of seines or nets in
45 weirs, and the use of one net seventy-five yards in length
46 and five yards in width for all the hands or crew of each
47 principal vessel or boat employed in taking or fishing for
48 herring, provided, that no such vessel or boat thus employed
49 shall interfere with the weirs, from the first day of May to
50 the first day of December, in the waters of Machas bay and
51 its approaches inside of, or to the northward of a direct line
52 drawn straight from the highest summit of the island called
53 The Brothers, easterly to a point one-half mile distant and
54 due south from Libby island light house, thence from said
55 point easterly to the southerly extremity of the southern
56 island called the Double Head Shots, is hereby prohibited,
57 under a penalty not exceeding five hundred dollars for each
58 offense to be recovered in an action of debt.'

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, February 6, 1899.

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

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*