

Sixty-Ninth Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 67.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to consolidate, simplify, revise, and amend the laws pertaining to Inland Fisheries and Game, as contained in Chapters thirty and forty, of the Revised Statutes, and in amendments and additions thereto, and to repeal old and obsolete, private and special laws pertaining to Fishing in the Public Waters of the State.

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

Section 1. Chapter 30 of the revised statutes is hereby 2 amended by striking out all of said chapter after section four, 3 and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sect. 5. There shall be an annual close time for land-2 locked salmon, trout, togue, and white perch, as follows: 3 for land-locked salmon, trout, and togue, from the first day of 4 October until the ice is out of the ponds and lakes the follow-5 ing spring of each year, except on the St. Croix river and

6 its tributaries, and on all the waters in Kennebec county, in 7 which the close time shall be from the fifteenth day of Sep-8 tember until the ice is out of the ponds and lakes the follow-9 ing spring, and in Oxford and Franklin counties in which the 10 close time shall be from the first day of October till May first; II but for white perch, the close time shall be from the first day 12 of April to the first day of July. No person shall take, catch, 13 kill, or fish for in any manner, any land-locked salmon, trout, 14 togue, or white perch in any of the waters of this State in 15 close time, under a penalty of not less than ten dollars nor 16 more than thirty dollars, and a further fine of one dollar for 17 each fish thus caught, taken, or killed; provided, however, that 18 any person lawfully trolling for trout, land-locked salmon, or 19 togue, in good faith, who shall accidentally hook or catch a 20 white perch may lawfully keep the same; and provided, 21 that during February, March, and April, citizens of this State 22 may fish for and take land-locked salmon, trout, and togue, 23 with not more than five set lines for each family, when fish-24 ing through the ice in the day time, and when under the im-25 mediate personal superintendence of the person fishing, and 26 may convey them to their own homes for consumption there-27 in, but not otherwise; but no citizen of the State during this 28 time shall be permitted to catch more than twenty pounds, 29 of any of the above named fish in any one day. The 30 provisions of this section pertaining to fishing through 31 the ice shall not apply, however, to any of the lakes or ponds 32 lying wholly or in part in the counties of Oxford, Franklin, 33 Kennebec, and Somerset, excepting Moosehead lake, Pick-34 erel pond in Flagstaff, Gilman pond in Lexington, and 35 Pierce pond in township Number 2, range 4, in said Somerset 36 county; nor to Allen pond, so called, in the town of Greene, 37 to Lake Auburn in Auburn, or Brettun's pond in Livermore, 38 all in Androscoggin county; nor to Sabbath Day pond, sit-

39 uated in New Gloucester, nor to Thomas pond, situated in 40 the towns of Raymond and Casco, in the county of Cumber-41 land; nor to Noyes' pond, Green lake, Eagle lake, Bubble 42 pond, sometimes called Turtle lake, on the island of Mt. 43 Desert, Crocker pond in township Thirty-two, Middle Divis-44 ion, Jordan pond, Long pond, Pickerel pond, in township 45 Thirty-two, Middle Division, all in the county of Hancock; 46 nor to Crystal lake, in Washington, in the county of Knox; 47 nor to lake Hebron, otherwise known as Hebron pond, nor to 48 Twin and Doughty ponds, known as Ship pond and Bear 49 pond, in Elliottsville township, nor to Garland pond in Fox-50 croft and Sebec, Lower Wilson pond in Greenville, lake Ona-51 wa, Grindstone pond in Willimantic, Horseshoe pond and 52 Indian pond, all in Piscataquis county; nor to Messabesic 53 pond, called Shaker pond, and its outlet as far down the 54 stream as the mill dam of Littlefield Brothers, nor to Middle 55 Branch pond, in the towns of Alfred and Waterboro, nor to 56 Littlefield's pond in Sanford, all in the county of York; nor 57 to Lambert lake in the county of Washington; nor to Dyer's 58 pond in the town of Jefferson, in the county of Lincoln; nor 59 to Dexter pond in the town of Dexter, in Penobscot county; 60 in all of which lakes and ponds it shall be unlawful to fish 61 through the ice for any kind of fish at any time except as 62 hereinafter provided, under a penalty of not less than ten dol-63 lars nor more than thirty dollars for each offence, and a fur-64 ther penalty of one dollar for each fish thus taken, caught, or 65 killed. Moreover it shall be unlawful under the same pen-66 alty to fish for, take, catch, or kill any fish at any time (except 67 as hereinafter provided) in the tributaries of any of the follow-68 ing named ponds, lakes, and streams: to wit, the following 69 named ponds, lakes, and streams of Androscoggin county: 70 lake Auburn, or Wilson's pond, (and all that part of the 71 waters of said lake Auburn and Townsend brook, so called,

72 that lie north of the road leading from the Turner road, so 73 called, to. North Auburn village and crossing said Town-74 send brook, shall be considered as tributary waters of said 75 Lake Auburn;) Townsend brook within one hundred feet 76 from the culvert at the mouth, during September of each 77 year; Taylor pondinthecity of Auburn; Brettun's pondinthe 78 town of Livermore; and Big Bear pond situated partly in Tur-70 ner; the following named ponds, lakes and streams of Aroos-80 took county: the inlet streams of Squaw Pan lake from 81 Thibadeau's landing to the source of said stream, said stream 82 being in township 11, range 4; and the tributaries to Mada-83 waska lake in townships 15 and 16, range 4; the following 84 named ponds, lakes, and streams of Cumberland county: the 85 tributaries to Sabbath Day pond, in the town of New 86 Gloucester; the tributaries to Sebago lake, except Crooked 87 and North West rivers; the tributaries to Anonymous pond, 88 in the town of Harrison; Royal river from Sabbath Day 89 pond to Jordan's dam; the tributaries to Thomas pond in 90 the towns of Raymond and Casco; Greely brook and tribu-91 taries, in the towns of Oxford, Norway, and Otisfield; and 92 Hancock pond in Sebago and Denmark, or any of its tribu-93 tary brooks for a period of two years; the following ponds, 94 lakes, and streams of Franklin county: the tributaries to 95 Webb's pond in the town of Weld, (except Alder brook down 96 as far as the mill dam at Hildreth's mills;) the tributaries to 97 Tuffs and Dutton ponds, in Township 2, range 4, W.B.K. P.; 98 the outlet of the same from Dutton pond to Reid's falls and 99 from Tufts pond to Alder stream; the tributaries to Rangeley 100 lake and Ross pond; Rangeley stream from the lower wharf 101 at the outlet of Rangeley lake down to the dead water at the 102 upper end of the eddy and from the upper end of the eddy to 103 the mouth of Kennebago stream, from July first to May first; 104 Kennebago stream between the foot of the first falls near its 105 mouth to the upper falls at the outlet of the lake, between July 106 first and May first; Cupsuptic stream, tributary to Cupsuptic 107 lake, above the first falls near its mouth, between the first day 108 of July and May; South Bog stream up to the first quick water, 109 from Julyfirst to May first; the stream connecting Long pond 110 and Rangeleylake, from July first to Mayfirst; Bemis stream, 111 tributary to Mooselucmaguntic lake; Whetstone brook, which 112 flows into Kennebago stream from the foot of the boulders, so 113 called, in said stream, to the foot of the falls at the outlet of 114 Kennebago lake; Metalluc and Mill brooks which flow into 115 the Upper Richardson lake; the tributaries to Wilton pond 116 in the town of Wilton; the tributaries of Varnum and North 117 ponds in the towns of Temple and Wilton, and of Clear-118 water pond in the towns of Farmington and Industry; the 119 tributaries of Long pond and Sandy river pond, lying wholly 120 or in part in Sandy River plantation; Lufkin pond and its 121 tributaries, in the town of Phillips; the tributaries to Four 122 ponds in Townships E and D; the tributaries to Tim and 123 Mud ponds, in township 2, range 4, W. B. K., and Webb's 124 river above Goodwin Brothers' mill dam, in Carthage; the 125 following named lakes, ponds, and streams of Hancock 126 county: the tributaries to Noyes' pond in Bluehill; Green 127 lake in the towns of Dedham and Ellsworth; Eagle lake in 128 the town of Eden; Bubble pond, sometimes called Turtle 129 lake, on the island of Mt. Desert; Jordan pond; and Long 130 pond; the following named lakes, ponds, and streams in 131 Kennebec and Somerset counties: the tributaries to all lakes 132 and ponds lying wholly or partly in the towns of Winthrop, 133 Monmouth, Litchfield, Manchester, and Wayne; Three 134 Mile pond in China, Windsor, and Vassalboro; and Mc-135 Graw, Ellis, East, North, Great, Long, Little, and Snow 136 ponds; the tributaries to Dyer's pond in the town of Jeffer-137 son in Lincoln county; the following named lakes, ponds, 138 and streams in Oxford county: the tributaries to Anasa-139 gunticook lake, or Whitney pond, in Canton and Hartford; 140 Little Bear pond in Hartford and Turner; Howard's pond 141 in Hanover; Megalloway river and its tributaries between 142 the mouth of Little Megalloway river and the Berlin Mills 143 Company's dam; Lake Pennesseewassee and Little Pennes-144 seewassee; the tributaries to Roxbury pond and Garland 145 pond; Rapid river from the swing bridge at the Oxford 146 Club House to Lake Umbagog; Songo pond in Albany; 147 Sand and Pickerel ponds in Denmark; and Upper Kezar 148 pond in the towns of Stoneham and Lovell; the following 149 named ponds, lakes, and streams of Piscataquis county: 150 Lake Hebron, otherwise known as Hebron pond; Twin and 151 Doughty ponds, known as Ship pond and Bear pond, in 152 Elliottsville township; the brook that is the outlet of Gar-153 land pond in Sebec; the tributaries to Lake Onawa; Sebec 154 lake and the tributaries to Moosehead lake, excepting Moose 155 river (and the commissioners shall establish by metes and 156 bounds the mouths of all the tributaries to Moosehead 157 lake); the tributaries to Dexter pond in the town of Dexter 158 in Penobscot county; the following named ponds, lakes, 159 and streams in Somerset county: the tributaries to Parlin, 160 or Lang pond; Parlin, or Lang streams and their tribu-161 taries; the tributaries to lake George; Basset brook and its 162 tributaries, in the town of Holden in township 6; Beaver 163 brook in the town of Holden; the brooks forming the out-164 let of Fish pond and Little Fish pond, and of Little Gulf 165 stream and Big Gulf stream; Wood stream in Forsythe 166 plantation, above its entrance into Big Wood pond; the trib-167 utaries to Rowell pond in Solon and Smith pond in Corn-168 ville; Hayden lake in the town of Madison; Mosquito 169 stream, so called, connecting Mosquito pond with Moxie 170 pond, in township 1, range 4, B. K. P., E. K. R., known 171 as The Forks plantation; Great Embden pond; and Moose 172 pond, in Hartland and Harmony; and west outlet of Moose-173 head lake: the following named ponds, lakes, and streams 174 in Knox county: the tributaries to Canaan lake; Lermond's 175 and Alford's ponds; the tributaries to Norton pond; and 176 the tributaries to Crystal lake; the tributaries to Lake Nar-177 raguagus and Lambert lake in Washington county, and the 178 tributaries to Bonny Beg pond in Sanford and North Ber-179 wick, in York county.

It shall be unlawful under the same penalty to fish for, 181 catch, or kill any fish in Quimby pond in the town of Range-182 ley, except in the ordinary way of angling with rod and 183 artificial flies, between sunrise and sunset of each day, from 184 the fifteenth day of May to the first day of October; and 185 no person shall take more than twelve fish in said pond in 186 any one day, nor more than twenty-five fish in any one day 187 in Four ponds in townships E. and D., or fish, except with 188 artificial flies, in South Bog stream and pool, so called, 189 waters connected with Rangeley lake, or in Seven ponds, 190 so called, or take, catch, or kill more than twenty-five trout 191 from Tim and Mud ponds, in township 2, range 4, W. B. 102 K. P., or from Tufts and Dutton ponds in the same town-193 ship in any one day, or take from the waters of Varnum or 194 North pond in the towns of Temple and Wilton, and Clear-195 water pond in the towns of Farmington and Industry, more 196 than three trout, togue, and land-locked salmon in all, in 197 any one day. It shall be unlawful to fish for or catch 198 pickerel in Three Mile pond in China, Windsor, and Vas-199 salboro, except on Saturdays of each week, for consump-200 tion in the family of the person taking such fish; or to take 201 any black bass, pickerel, or any other fish from the lower 202 Kezar pond and its tributaries, in the county of Oxford, 203 for the purpose of selling the same (but any person may 204 take twenty pounds of fish in one day from said Lower 205 Kezar pond, but shall not transport the same, except in 206 possession of the owner); or to fish for, take, or catch any 207 fish, from Ward's brook, Ward's pond, and Walker's pond, 208 so called, in Oxford county, except between the first day 200 of May and August of each year, or to fish therein except 210 with rod and single line and artificial flies; or to fish for, 211 catch, or kill any fish in Ellis river and its tributaries, sit-212 uated in Andover, Andover West, North Surplus, and Rox-213 bury, in Townships C. and D., in Oxford and Franklin 214 counties, except on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, 215 during the months of May, June, and July, and to the fif-216 teenth day of August; or in Ship Pond stream above Buck's 217 falls; or in Little Huston pond, in Katahdin Iron Works 218 Township, except with artificial flies; or to fish for, take, 219 catch, or kill any blue back trout in any of the waters of 220 the State at any time; or to fish in Grassy pond in the towns 221 of Hope and Rockport at any time within five years from 222 the approval of this act. Whoever violates any of the 223 provisions of this section shall be subject to a penalty of 224 not less than ten dollars nor more than thirty dollars for 225 each offense, and one dollar additional for every fish caught, 226 taken, or killed in violation of any of the provisions of this 227 section.

Sect. 6. Whoever fishes for, takes, catches, kills, or 2 destroys any fish, with fish spawn or grapnel, spear, trawl, 3 weir, seine, trap, or set lines, except when fishing through 4 the ice, and then with not more than five set lines in the day-5 time, or with any device, or in any other way than by the 6 ordinary mode of angling with single baited hooks and lines, 7 artificial flies, artificial minnows, artificial insects, spoon 8 hooks and spinners, so called, shall be fined not less than ten 9 nor more than thirty dollars for each offense; and when such 10 prohibited implements or devices are found in use or pos-11 session, they are forfeit and contraband, and any person 12 finding them in use, may destroy them. It shall, however, 13 be lawful to take minnows and other bait fish, commonly 14 used for live bait, for one's own use in fishing, in any of the 15 closed streams in this State, and to take smelts for consump-16 tion in the family of the person taking them.

'Sect. 7. No person shall transport more than twenty-five 2 pounds of land-locked salmon, trout, togue, or white perch, in 3 all, at any one time; nor shall any such be transported except 4 in the possession of the owner thereof, plainly labelled thereon 5 with the owner's name and residence, except as is provided 6 in section 26 of this chapter; nor shall any corporation trans-7 port more than twenty-five pounds in all, of said fish, at one 8 time, as the property of any one person; nor shall any person 9 take, catch, kill, or have in possession in any one day more to than twenty-five pounds in all, of the above named fish. II Whoever violates any of the provisions of this section shall 12 be punished by a fine of fifty dollars for each offense and one 13 dollar for every pound of fish so taken or being transported, 14 in excess of twenty-five pounds; and all such fish being so 15 transported or taken in violation of this section may be 16 seized and shall be forfeited to the State. Whoever has in 17 his possession more than twenty-five pounds in all, of said 18 fish, shall be deemed to have taken them in violation ot this 19 section; provided, however, that the taking of one fish addi-20 tional having less than twenty-five pounds, or less than twenty 21 pounds when fishing through the ice, shall not be regarded 22 as a violation of the law.

Sect. 8. No person shall use dynamite or other explo-2 sives or any poisonous or stupefying substance whatever, 3 for the purpose of destroying or taking fish, under a penalty

4 of one hundred dollars and, in addition thereto, two months'5 imprisonment in the county jail for each offense.

Sect. 9. Whoever introduces fish of any kind into any of 2 the waters of the State by means of live fish or otherwise, 3 except upon written permission of the commissioners of 4 inland fisheries and game, shall forfeit not less than fifty 5 dollars nor more than five hundred dollars. The having in 6 possession of any jack light, spear, trawl, or net, other than 7 a dip net, in any camp, lodge, or place of resort for hunters 8 or fishermen, in the inland territory of the State, shall be 9 prima facie evidence that the same are kept for unlawful use; 10 and they may be seized by any officer authorized to enforce 11 the inland fish and game laws. Whoever is convicted of 12 having any of the above named implements in his possession 13 unlawfully as aforesaid, shall be fined fifty dollars and costs 14 of prosecution

Sect. 10. In closed waters where eels, suckers, cusk, 2 pickerel and white fish abound. the commissioners may 3 grant permits to take the same, and dispose of them for food 4 purposes; and where an exclusive right is granted to take 5 eels in any river or stream, or part thereof, they may grant 6 such permit upon such terms as they deem reasonable, and 7 such permits shall expire with the calendar year.

'Sect. 11. There shall be for game birds an annual close 2 time in which it shall be unlawful to hunt, chase, catch, kill, 3 or have them in possession; for wood duck, dusky duck, 4 commonly called black duck, teal, and gray duck, the close 5 time shall be from the first day of May to the first day of 6 September of each year; for ruffed grouse, commonly called 7 partridge, and woodcock, from the first day of December to 8 September fifteenth; for quail from the first day of Decem-9 ber to the first day of October; for plover, snipe and sand-10 pipers, from the first day of May to the first day of August.

II Whoever violates any of the above named provisions of this 12 section shall be subject to a penalty of not less than five 13 dollars nor more than ten dollars, for each bird so killed, 14 caught, chased, or had in possession in close time. No per-15 son shall, in any one day, kill or have in possession more 16 than 15 of each variety of the above named birds, except 17 plover, snipe, and sandpipers, during the respective open 18 season for each; nor shall any person, at any time, kill or have 19 in possession any ruffed grouse commonly called partridge, 20 except for his own consumption in this State, except 21 as hereinafter provided, under a penalty of five dollars 22 for each bird so unlawfully killed or had in possession; 23 nor shall any person at any time sell, or offer for 24 sale, any ruffed grouse, commonly called partridge, within 25 this State, under the same penalty; nor shall any person or 26 corporation carry or transport from place to place any of the 27 birds mentioned in this section, in close season, nor in open 28 season unless open to view, tagged, and plainly labelled with 29 the owner's name and residence and accompanied by him, 30 unless tagged in accordance with section 26 of this chapter, 31 under the same penalty. Any person, not the actual owner 32 of such bird, who, to aid another in such transportation, 33 falsely represents himself to be the owner thereof, shall be 34 liable to the same penalty; nor shall any person or corpora-35 tion carry or transport at any one time more than 15 of any 36 one variety of the birds above named as the property of one 37 person, under the same penalty; and it shall be unlawful tor 38 a term of ten years, to hunt for, take, catch, kill, or destroy 39 the capercailzie, or cock of the woods, so called, black 40 game, so called, or any species of the pheasant, except 41 ruffed grouse, or partridge, under a penalty of fifty dollars 42 for each offense

'Sect. 12. Whoever kills, or has in his possession, except 2 alive, any birds commonly known as larks, robins,

3 swallows, sparrows, woodpeckers, or orioles, or other insec-4 tivorous birds, (crows, English sparrows, and hawks 5 excepted), forfeits not less than one dollar, nor more than 6 five dollars, for each such bird killed; and the possession by 7 any person of such dead bird, is prima facie evidence that he 8 killed such bird. Whoever at any time wantonly takes or 9 destroys the nest, eggs, or unfledged young of any wild 10 bird, except crows, hawks, herons, loons, and owls, or takes 11 any eggs or young from such nests, forfeits not less than 12 one dollar nor more than ten dollars, for each nest, egg, or 13 young so taken or destroyed. Whoever carries or trans-14 ports from place to place, any of the birds named in this 15 chapter during the period in which the killing of such bird 16 is prohibited, forteits five dollars for each bird so carried or 17 transported.

'Sect. 13. Whoever, at any time or in any place, with any 2 trap, net, snare, or contrivance, other than the usual method 3 of sporting with firearms, takes wild duck of any variety, 4 quail, ruffed grouse, or partridge, woodcock, or any bird 5 which is in any wise protected by this chapter, forfeits five 6 dollars for each bird so taken. Whoever kills in any man-7 ner, any wild duck of any variety, on the Kennebec river, or 8 on the shores thereot, south of the Gardiner and Randolph 9 bridge, or on Merrymeeting bay, or the shores thereof, 10 between sunset and the day light of morning, forfeits II twenty-five dollars for each offense; and whoever hunts, 12 kills, or destroys, any wild duck, at any time, with the aid of 13 jack-lights, so called, or any artificial light, at any time, for-14 feits fifty dollars tor each offense; the having of firearms in 15 possession, in the night time in the vicinity of the duck 16 grounds in Merrymeeting bay or on the Kennebec river, 17 south of the Gardiner and Randolph bridge, shall be prima 18 facie evidence that the person having such firearms in 19 possesson is hunting ducks contrary to law.

'Sect. 14. The commissioners of inland fisheries and 2 game may, upon application, issue a license to such per-3 sons as taxidermists, who, in their judgment, are skilled in 4 that art, of good reputation, and friendly to the 5 fish and game laws of the State; and may also 6 issue licenses to suitable persons, whose numbers shall 7 not exceed ten at one time, to take, kill, capture, and have in 8 possession any species of birds other than domestic and the 9 eggs and nests thereof for scientific purposes, and for such IO license the applicant shall pay the sum of five dollars; but II no person thus allowed to take or have in possession birds 12 for scientific purposes shall sell, offer for sale, or take any 13 compensation for specimens of birds, nests, or eggs, or dis-14 pose of the same, by gift or otherwise, to be taken from the 15 State, except for exchange of specimens for scientific 16 purposes; and for any violation of the provisions of this sec-17 tion, such persons shall be subject to a fine of not less than 18 ten nor more than fifty dollars. This section, however, 19 shall not authorize the killing of any birds, nor the taking of 20 any birds' nests or eggs thereof on Sunday; and the com-21 missioners may, for cause, revoke any license authorized by 22 this section. Taxidermists mentioned in this section may 23 at all times have in their possession, at their places of busi-24 ness, fish and game lawfully caught or killed in open time 25 for the sole purpose of preparing for, and mounting the 26 same; and such fish and game or parts thereof may be trans-27 ported to such licensee and retained by him for the purposes 28 aforesaid, under such rules, restrictions, and limitations as 29 shall, from time to time be made by said commissioners and 30 stated in such original license and additions made thereto, 31 from time to time, by said commissioners.

Such licenses may be revoked by said commissioners, at 33 any time after notice and an opportunity for a hearing; and

34 every licensee or carrier violating any of the provisions 35 of this act, or of the rules, restrictions, or limitations set out 36 in said license and additions thereto, shall, on complaint 37 before any trial justice or municipal or police court, be fined 38 not less than twenty dollars nor more than fifty dollars.

'Sect. 15. Whoever, between the first day of May and the 2 fifteenth day of October, destroys any mink, sable, muskrat, 3 or fisher, forfeits ten dollars for each animal so destroyed; 4 excepting, however, that it shall be lawful to kill muskrats 5 in Lily pond in the towns of Rockport and Camden and 6 also such muskrats as interfere at any time with the opera-7 tion and maintenance of any canal, ditch, lawful dam, or 8 cranberry bog. Whoever at any time kills or destroys any 9 beaver, except upon written permission of the commissioners 10 of inland fisheries and game, shall be fined one hundred 11 dollars and costs and twenty-five dollars additional for each 12 beaver killed or destroyed.

'Sect. 16. A bounty of five dollars for every wolf and of 2 two dollars for every wild cat, killed in any town, shall be 3 paid by the treasurer thereof to the person killing it, upon 4 compliance with the following conditions: No bounty shall 5 be paid unless the claimant, within ten days after he has 6 killed such animal, or has returned from the hunting in 7 which he killed it, exhibits to the town treasurer the entire 8 skin thereof, with the ears and nose thereon, in as perfect a 9 state as when killed, except natural decay, and signs and 10 makes oath to a certificate, which oath said treasurer may II administer, in which he shall state that he killed such ani-12 mal, and the time and place, showing it to be within the 13 State; and the treasurer shall thereupon cut off the whole of 14 the ears and of the nose from such skin, and entirely destroy 15 them by burning; then he shall pay the bounty and take the 16 claimant's receipt therefor upon the same paper with such cer17 tificate. The town treasurer shall immediately make upon the
18 same paper a certificate under oath addressed to the treasurer
19 of State, that he first cut off the ears and nose from the skin of
20 such animal and destroyed them by burning, and then paid
21 said bounty to the claimant. Said certificates and receipts
22 shall annually in December be transmitted to the treasurer
23 of State, and by him laid before the governor and council as
24 early as convenient; and when allowed by them shall be
25 paid by the treasurer of State to such towns. The certifi26 cates shall be in the following form:

Claimant's certificate.

To the treasurer of _____. I hereby certify that on the _____ 29 ____ day of _____ A. D. 18__, at _____, in the State of 30 Maine, I killed the _____ the skin of which I now exhibit 31 to you; and I claim the bounty allowed by law for killing 32 the same.

Dated at _____, this _____ day of ____ A. D. 18_. _____ Claimant.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day and year atore-36 said

— — — Treasurer of — — —

Claimant's receipt.

On this —— day of —— A. D. 18—, I received of 40 —— treasurer of —, —— dollars, being the 41 bounty allowed by law for killing the —— described in 42 the above certificate.

------ Claimant.

Treasurer's certificate.

I hereby certify that as required by law, I first cut off the 46 whole of the ears and nose from the skin of the ______ 47 described in the foregoing certificate and destroyed the

48 same by burning, and then paid to said ——— the bounty 49 for which I have taken his receipt as above.

Dated at _____ this _____ day of _____ A. D. 18-.

— — — — Treasurer of — .

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day and year 53 aforesaid.

_____ Justice of the Peace.

'Sect. 17. No person shall at any time hunt, catch, kill, 2 destroy or have in possession any cow or calf moose; and 3 the term "calf moose," as herein used, shall be construed to 4 mean that these animals are calves until they are at least 5 one year old, and have at least two prongs or tines to their 6 horns. No person shall, between the first day of December 7 and the fifteenth day of October, in any manner, hunt, take, 8 catch, or kill any bull moose; and no person shall, between 9 October fifteenth and December first, take, catch, kill or 10 have in possession more than one bull moose or part 11 thereof.

Sect. 18. No person shall, except as hereinafter pro-2 vided, in any manner, hunt, take, catch, kill, or have in 3 possession any deer or part thereof, between December 4 fifteenth and October first; no person shall between Octo-5 ber first and December fifteenth, except as hereinafter pro-6 vided, take, catch, kill, or have in possession more than two 7 deer or parts thereof.

'Sect. 19. No person shall at any time, in any manner, 2 hunt, catch, take, kill, or destroy, with dogs, jack lights, 3 artificial lights, snares, or traps, any moose, deer, or cari-4 bou; and no person shall, within six years from October 5 fifteenth, A. D. 1899, in any manner, hunt, chase, catch, 6 kill, or have in possession any caribou or parts thereof.

'Sect. 20. Whoever shall violate any of the provisions of 2 section 17 of this chapter, shall be punished by a fine of not

3 less than five hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dol-4 lars or by imprisonment not exceeding four months; whoever 5 shall violate any of the provisions of section 18 of this chap-6 ter, shall be punished by a fine of forty dollars and costs; 7 whoever shall violate any of the provisions of section 19 of 8 this chapter, relating to deer, shall be punished by a fine of 9 forty dollars and costs; and whoever shall violate any of 10 the provisions of section 19 of this chapter, relating to 11 moose or caribou, shall be punished by a fine of not less 12 than five hundred dollars nor more than one thousand 13 dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding four months.

'Sect. 21. It shall be lawful, however, for a person from 2 the first day of September to the first day of October of each 3 year, to take, catch, and kill one deer, for food purposes 4 only, to be consumed in the locality where taken, by the 5 person taking the same, in either of the counties of Oxford, 6 Franklin, Somerset, Piscataquis. Penobscot, Aroostook, 7 Hancock, or Washington, such person having first pro-8 cured a license therefor, as hereinafter provided, on pay-9 ment of \$6.00 by a non-resident, and \$4.00 by a resident, of 10 this State, for the license as herein provided, and having at II the same time his license in his possession, and under such 12 rules and regulations as the commissioners of inland tisner-13 ies and game shall from time to time establish; but it shall 14 be unlawful for non-residents of the State to take a deer as 15 provided in this section, or to enter upon the wild lands of 16 this State with intent to camp and kindle fires thereon, 17 while engaged in hunting or fishing, without being in 18 charge of a registered guide, during the months of June, 19 July, August, September and October; provided that the 20 provisions of this section so far as entering upon the wild 21 lands in this State with intent to camp and kindle fires 22 thereon while engaged in hunting or fishing, shall not apply

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23 to any person or persons who while hunting or fishing, stop 24 at any hunting or fishing camp, which is owned or under the 25 control of any registered guide or registered camp owner. 26 No license, as herein provided, shall be issued except on a 27 blank furnished by the commissioners, which shall have 28 attached to it a coupon having a facsimile of the commis-29 sioners' signatures; and when any person shall take or kill 30 a deer, in accordance with such license, such person shall, as 31 soon as practicable, detach from his license, and attach to 32 the carcass of the deer, in plain sight, the coupon dated 33 and signed, and the coupon shall be kept so attached so 34 long as any considerable portion of the carcass remains un-35 consumed, and shall then be destroyed; and in case it is 36 desired to preserve either the hide, head, or horns, the 37 coupon shall be kept attached to such parts, so long as they 38 are preserved, and shall then be destroyed. The coupon, 39 when so dated, signed, and attached to a deer lawfully taken 40 or killed, and lawfully in possession, shall authorize posses-41 sion, use. taxidermy, or consumption of the same. Such li-42 cense and coupons shall be substantially in the following form :

State of Maine. No. -----

Department of Inland Fisheries and Game. License to take one deer, for food purposes.

Augusta, _____ 189-.

This certifies that ______, whose signature appears 48 hereon, and who is _____ years of age, and resides at 49 _____, is entitled to take one deer only, in either of the 50 counties of Oxford, Franklin, Somerset, Piscataquis, Pen-51 obscot, Aroostook, Washington, or Hancock, during the 52 month of September, 189—, in conformity with the law.

Void, unless signed by the licensee and in his actual posses-54 sion. This does not authorize transportation or sale.

Signature of licensee,

----- Commissioners.

Signature of registered guide, No. -----

State of Maine

Department of Inland Fisheries and Game.

Coupon No. 1

License to take one deer for food purposes.

No. — One deer

Date when taken — 189-. This authorizes the keep-67 ing of carcass for food purposes only in the locality where 68 taken, and transportation of hide, head, and horns of the 69 same

Signature of licensee,

------ Commissioners.

Signature of registered guide, No. -----

Whoever shall take, catch, or kill any deer, or enter upon 77 the wild lands in this State, with intent to camp and kindle 78 fires thereon, while engaged in hunting or fishing, without 79 being in charge of a registered guide, during the months of 80 June, July, August, September, and October, in violation 81 of the provisions herein contained, shall be fined forty dol-82 lars and costs of prosecution, for each offense, and be sub-83 ject to imprisonment thirty days. It shall be unlawful, how-84 ever, to take, catch, kill, chase, or hunt any deer in either of 85 the counties of York, Cumberland, Androscoggin, or Saga-86 dahoc, for four years from October first, A. D. 1899; and it 87 shall be unlawful to hunt, chase, catch, or kill any deer in

88 the counties of Knox, Lincoln, and Waldo, except during 89 the month of October of each year, or in Kennebec, except 90 during the months of October and November of each year, 91 and no person shall during the respective open seasons in 92 these counties, take, catch, kill, or have in possession more 93 than two deer. Whoever shall violate any of the provisions 94 of this section relating to deer in the counties of York, 95 Cumberland, Androscoggin, Sagadahoc, Knox, Lincoln, 96 Waldo, and Kennebec, shall be subject to a penalty of torty 97 dollars and costs for each offense

'Sect. 22. Whoever has in possession more than one bull 2 moose or more than two deer, in open season, or any of the 3 aforesaid animals or parts thereof, in close season, except as 4 is provided in this chapter, shall be deemed to have killed, 5 taken, and destroyed the same in violation of law. The 6 words "close season" and "close time," where used in this 7 act, shall mean the time or period during which by this act 8 it is made unlawful to hunt, shoot, wound, trap, or destroy 9 any bird or animal, or fish for, or catch any fish mentioned or 10 referred to in this act, and the words "open season" where II used in this act, shall mean the time or period during which 12 it shall be lawful to take these animals, fish, and birds, as 13 specified and limited. Any person may, at any time, law-14 fully kill any dog found hunting or chasing a moose, caribou, 15 or deer, or any dog kept or used for that purpose. Anv 16 person owning or having in his possession any dog for the 17 purpose of hunting or chasing moose, caribou, or deer, or 18 who permits his dog to hunt or chase moose, caribou, or deer, 19 shall be punished by a fine of one hundred dollars and costs 20 of prosecution for each offense. Sunday is a close time, 21 on which it is not lawful to hunt, kill, or destroy game or 22 birds of any kind, under the penalties imposed therefor dur-23 ing other close time; but the penalties already imposed for 24 the violation of the Sunday laws by the statutes of this State 25 are not hereby repealed or diminished.

'Sect. 23. No person or corporation shall carry or trans-2 port from place to place any moose, or deer, or part thereof, 3 in close time, nor in open time unless open to view, tagged, 4 and plainly labelled with the name and residence of the 5 owner thereof, and accompanied by him, under a penalty of 6 forty dollars and costs of prosecution for each moose or deer 7 so transported or carried; and any person not the actual 8 owner of such game or parts thereof, who, to aid another in 9 such transportation, falsely represents himself to be the 10 owner thereof, shall be liable to the penalties aforesaid; and II it shall be prima facie evidence that said game, that is being 12 transported or carried in violation of this section, was ille-13 gally killed; but nothing herein shall apply to the transpor-14 tation of moose, or deer by any person or corporation, when 15 such game is lawfully tagged in accordance with the pro-16 visions of section 26 of this chapter. Whoever lawfully 17 kills a bull moose shall, while the same, or any part thereof, 18 is being transported, preserve and transport it, with the 19 evidence on the moose of the sex of the same. Whoever fails 20 to comply with the provisions of this section shall forfeit to 21 the State the moose or part thereof being transported, and 22 pay a fine of three hundred dollars and costs of prosecution.

'Sect. 24. All birds, fish, and game hunted, caught, killed, 2 destroyed, bought, carried, transported, or found in posses-3 sion of any person or corporation, in violation of the pro-4 visions of this chapter and amendments thereto, shall be 5 liable to seizure; and in case of conviction for such violation, 6 such game shall be forfeited to the State, to be sold for con-7 sumption in this State only. Any person whose game or 8 fish has been seized for violation of any game or fish law, 9 shall have it returned to him on giving to the officer a bond

10 with sufficient sureties, residents of the State, in double the 11 amount of the fine for such violation, on condition that, if 12 convicted of such violation, he will, within thirty days there-13 after, pay such fine and costs. If he neglects or refuses to 14 give such bond and takes the game or fish so seized, he shall 15 have no action against the officer for such seizure, or for the 16 loss of the game or fish seized.

'Sect. 25. No resident of this State shall sell or give away 2 any moose or deer or part thereof, or any game birds, to be 3 transported or carried beyond the limits of this State, under 4 a penalty of one hundred dollars for each and every moose, 5 deer, or part thereof, and one dollar for every game bird so 6 sold or given away; and any person who shall buy any of 7 the above named animals or birds or parts thereof, to so 8 transport them, or who shall transport them after buying the 9 same, or receiving the same as a gift, shall be subject to the 10 same penalty.

'Sect. 26. Any person who has lawfully killed a moose 2 (or a deer, except in September as heretofore provided), 3 or who has lawfully in his possession one trout, one togue, 4 one land-locked salmon, or one white perch, or ten pounds 5 of either kind of these fish, or one pair of game birds, may 6 send the same to his home or to any hospital in the State, 7 without accompanying the same, by purchasing of the duly 8 constituted agent therefor a tag, paying for a moose five 9 dollars, for a deer two dollars, for a trout, togue, or land-10 locked salmon, one dollar for each, or one dollar for each II ten pounds of the same, and fifty cents for one white perch or 12 ten pounds of the same, and fifty cents for a pair of game 13 birds. The commissioners of inland fisheries and game may 14 appoint agents in convenient localities who may sell these 15 tags, under such rules and regulations as the commissioners 16 may adopt. Said tag shall be substantially as follows:

STATE OF MAINE.

Department of Inland Fisheries and Game. License to ship game, game birds, or fish.

No. ———

	This certifies thatofis authorized
23	to ship to his home inor toa patient
24	in thehospital, the following described (game,
25	game birds, or fish),
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27	by having this tag attached thereto.

Not transferable.

Signature of licensee..... Commissioners.

'Sect. 27. Any marketman or provision dealer, having an 2 established place of business in this State, may purchase and 3 have in his possession at his said place of business not more 4 than three deer, lawfully killed or destroyed, or any part 5 thereof, at one time, and may sell the same at retail to his 6 local customers, provided, however, that said marketman or 7 provision dealer, shall have procured a license of the commis-8 sioners of inland fisheries and game to carry on said busi-9 ness of buying and selling deer as aforesaid; and provided 10 further, that said marketman shall record in a book kept for 11 that purpose, and open to the inspection of inland fish and 12 game wardens and the commissioners of inland fisheries and 13 game, the name and residence of each person of whom he 14 purchases any inland fish or game, and the date of such pur-15 chase; and if any marketman or provision dealer shall vio-16 late the provisions of this section, he shall be fined five hun-17 dred dollars for each offense, and be prohibited for five years 18 thereafter from the benefits of this section.

All marketmen or provision dealers licensed as aforesaid 20 shall pay to the commissioners, in cities and towns of over 21 three thousand inhabitants, five dollars annually, and three 22 dollars in all other places; or instead of this fee, the com-23 missioners may, at their discretion, issue licenses authorizing 24 the retailing of deer as above specified, on payment of fifty 25 cents for each deer retailed; said marketman and provision 26 dealers holding these licenses shall annually, on December 27 fifteenth, make, sign, and send to the commissioners, under 28 oath, a statement setting forth in detail the number of deer 29 by them bought, and of whom bought, and the date of each 30 purchase, during the time covered by their licenses; and 31 whoever fails to make the report required in this section 32 shall be subject to a penalty of one hundred dollars and costs.

'Sect. 28. The commissioners may annually issue licenses 2 to suitable persons to buy and sell, or tan, deer skins lawfully 3 taken. Such persons shall keep a record of all deer skins 4 purchased, of whom purchased, and the date of purchase, 5 and shall report annually to the commissioners. The fee for 6 such license shall be five dollars, to be paid to the commis-7 sioners and by them to the State treasurer; and whoever, 8 licensed as aforesaid, unreasonably and wilfully refuses to 9 make such report, shall be punished by a fine of one hundred 10 dollars and costs.

'Sect. 29. Every person who keeps a sporting camp, lodge, 2 or place of resort for inland hunting or fishing parties, or 3 whoever engages in the business of hunting or trapping any 4 of the fur bearing animals of the State, in any of the unor-5 ganized townships or wild lands of the State, shall annually 6 procure a license therefor from the commissioners of inland 7 fisheries and game, and pay a fee therefor of five dollars, 8 and shall make such report to the commissioners as may be 9 called for; and such licensed persons may purchase for con10 sumption in their sporting camps, lodges, or places of resort, 11 deer lawfully killed; but they shall keep a record of all such 12 purchases, of whom purchased, and the date of the purchase, 13 and on December 15th of each year shall make written report 14 thereof to the commissioners under oath; whoever violates 15 any of the provisions of this section shall be fined one hun-16 dred dollars and costs for each offense; the commissioners 17 however may refuse to issue a license or licenses to such 18 person or persons as they deem unsuitable.

'Sect. 30. No person shall engage in the business of guid-2 ing, either for inland fishing or forest hunting, until he has 3 caused his name, age, and residence to be recorded in a book 4 kept for that purpose by the commissioners of inland fish-5 eries and game, and has procured a certificate from said com-6 missioners, setting forth in substance that he is deemed suit-7 able to act as a guide, either for inland fishing or forest 8 hunting, or both, as the case may be, under a penalty of 9 fifty dollars and costs of prosecution for each offense. Each 10 registered guide shall, from time to time, as often as requested 11 by the commissioners, forward, on blanks furnished him 12 by the commissioners, a statement of the number of persons 13 he has guided in inland fishing and forest hunting during 14 the time called for in said statement, the number of days he 15 has been employed as a guide, and such other useful infor-16 mation relative to inland fish and game, forest fires, and the 17 preservation of the forests in the localities where he has 18 guided, as the commissioners may deem of importance to 19 the State, under a penalty of fifty dollars for unreasonably 20 or wilfully refusing to comply with these requirements.

'Sect. 31. Such registration as is provided for in this 2 chapter shall be as follows: the applicant shall apply in writ-3 ing or personally to the commissioners for registration, or 4 to some person designated by the commissioners, setting

5 forth in his application whether he desires to be registered as 6 a general or local guide; and the commissioners shall, as 7 soon thereafter as may be, register such person as a guide in 8 such class as they shall deem proper, after such investigation 9 as they shall deem proper; but said commissioners may 10 refuse to register any applicant whom they deem unfit to be II a guide, and may, for cause shown, after due notice and 12 hearing, cancel any registration by them made, and may 13 advance anyone from the local class to the general class, 14 whenever they shall deem such person qualified to be a gen-15 eral guide. Whenever a guide registered, as provided in 16 this chapter, is convicted of any violation of any of the inland 17 fish and game laws, the commissioners shall, at their discre-18 tion, cancel his certificate of registration and strike his name 19 from the list of registered guides; but such person may there-20 after be registered again at the discretion of the commis-Any certificate cancelled by virtue of this chapter 21 sioners. 22 shall be immediately returned to the commissioners, under 23 a penalty of fifty dollars for refusal or neglect to comply with 24 this requirement. A fee of one dollar shall be paid annually 25 for the registration as herein provided. No person shall 26 receive a certificate as a general guide unless he be at least 27 twenty years of age, of good repute, and friendly to the 28 inland fish and game laws, and will discountenance in all 29 proper ways all violations thereof. He shall be thoroughly 30 competent to traverse the hunting grounds of the State in 31 which he is licensed to guide, and shall be skilled in the use, 32 management, and handling of such boats or canoes, on lake, 33 pond, or river, as are used in the territory in which he is 34 authorized to guide, and shall be a safe person under all cir-35 cumstances to be a guide for inland fishing and forest hunt-36 ing parties. A person may receive a certificate as a local 37 guide who does not, in the judgment of the commissioners,

38 possess all the necessary qualifications of a general guide, 39 yet is deemed suitable to act as such under certain conditions; 40 and guides may be restricted in the territory in which they 41 are permitted to guide. Every non-resident registered as a 42 guide shall pay a fee of twenty dollars; the commissioners 43 may at their discretion refuse to issue any certificates of reg-44 istration after October twentieth of each year, and every 45 certificate issued shall expire with the calendar year. An 46 official badge for guides may be prepared by the commis-47 sioners.

'Sect. 32. The governor, with the advice and consent of the 2 council, shall appoint three persons to be commissioners of 3 inland fisheries and game, one of whom shall be the land 4 agent of the State and shall hold the office so long as he shall 5 continue to be land agent, and shall receive in addition to 6 his salary as land agent, the annual sum of two hundred dol-7 lars; the other two commissioners shall hold their office for 8 three years, and until their successors are appointed and o qualified, and shall each receive an annual salary of one to thousand dollars. Said commissioners shall receive, in addi-II tion to their salaries, actual travelling expenses, to be audited 12 by the governor and council; they shall be provided with an 13 office in the State capitol, with suitable furniture, stationery, 14 and other facilities for the transaction of the business of the 15 department, and they may appoint a clerk at a salary not 16 exceeding five hundred dollars per annum.

Sect. 33. The commissioners of inland fisheries and 2 game shall examine dams and all other obstructions exist-3 ing in all rivers and streams, and determine the necessity 4 of fish ways, and the location, form and capacity thereof; 5 and shall introduce and disseminate valuable species of tood 6 fish into the inland waters of the State, and valuable food 7 birds into the State. They shall examine into the workings

8 of the inland fish and game laws, see that all violations 9 thereof are duly prosecuted, and perform all other duties 10 prescribed by law. They shall annually on or before the 11 31st day of December, report to the governor.

'Sect. 34. The commissioners of inland fisheries and 2 game shall have authority, upon petition of five or more 3 citizens of the State, or whenever they shall deem it for the 4 best interests of the State, after due notice and public hear-5 ing in the locality to be affected, to regulate the times and 6 places in which and the circumstances under which game 7 and inland fish may be taken; but they cannot authorize the 8 taking of game or inland fish at a time in which its capture o is prohibited by the laws of the State, and in all cases where 10 the prayer of the petitioners is refused, one-half of the ex-II penses of the commissioners shall be paid by the petition-12 ers Whenever they deem it for the best interests of the 13 State, after like notice and hearing, they may entirely pro-14 hibit the taking of any kind of game or inland fish, in any 15 part of the State, for a series of years not exceeding tour. 16 They may adopt and, from time to time, modify or repeal 17 such needful rules and regulations, not contrary to the laws 18 of the State, as they may deem necessary or proper for the 19 protection and preservation of the game and inland fish of 20 the State, in conformity with the provisions of the last two 21 preceding sections. They shall file, in the office of the 22 clerks of the cities, towns, and plantations in the territory 23 to be affected, a copy of the rules and regulations adopted 24 by them, and publish the same three weeks successively in 25 a newspaper printed in the county, and post on the banks 26 of waters to be affected, as nearby as may be like notices; 27 and whenever any such rules or regulations apply to any 28 unorganized township, a like copy shall be filed with the 29 clerk of courts for that county and published three weeks

30 successively in a newspaper printed in the county; they 31 shall also immediately upon the adoption of any rules and 32 regulations contemplated by this act, file an attested copy of 33 the same in the office of the secretary of State

Sect. 35. Whoever fishes for, takes, catches, kills, or 2 destroys any inland fish, in any manner or at any time, in 3 violation of any of the rules and regulations of the commis-4 sioners of inland fisheries and game, made and promulgated 5 in conformity with the provisions of this chapter, shall be 6 punished in the same manner and to the same extent as is 7 provided for by law for the illegal taking, catching, killing 8 or destroying of any such inland fish.

Sect. 36. Whoever at any time or in any manner shall 2 hunt, chase, catch, kill, take, have in possession, or destroy 3 any inland game, in violation of any of the rules and regula-4 tions of the commissioners of inland fisheries and game, 5 made and promulgated in conformity with the provisions 6 of this chapter, shall be punished in the same manner and 7 to the same extent as is provided for by law for the illegal 8 hunting, chasing, catching, killing, taking, having in posses-9 sion, or destroying of any such inland game.

Sect. 37. Any person who willfully multilates, detaces or 2 destroys any notice, rule, or regulation of the commission-3 ers of inland fisheries and game, posted in conformity with 4 the provisions of this act, shall be punished by a fine not 5 exceeding fifty dollars, to be recovered by complaint or in-6 dictment; and one-half of said fine shall be paid to the 7 prosecutor.

Sect. 38. Said commissioners of fisheries and game may 2 take fish and game of any kind when, where, and in such 3 manner, as they choose, for the purposes of science and of 4 cultivation and dissemination, and they may grant written

5 permits to other persons to take fish and game for the same 6 purposes, and may introduce or permit to be introduced, 7 any kind of fish into any waters. They may, after a hear-8 ing, set apart, for a term not exceeding ten years, any 9 waters for the use of themselves, or of the United States 10 commissioner of fish and fisheries, in the prosecution of the II work of fish culture and of scientific research relative to · 12 fishes. The order setting apart such waters shall be 13 recorded in the registry of deeds of the county in which 14 they are situated. In the waters so set apart, they and 15 the United States commissioner of fish and fisheries. 16 and persons acting under their authority may, in their 17 respective fish culture and scientific work, take fish at 18 any time or in any manner, and erect and maintain 19 any fixtures necessary for such purposes. No other 20 person shall take or kill any fish, or use any implement 21 for fishing therein, under a penalty of not less than ten 22 nor more than one hundred dollars, and a further pen-23 alty of one dollar for each fish so taken or killed; provided, 24 however, that before such hearing they shall give notice 25 thereof, by publication of their intention for two successive 26 weeks in at least one newspaper printed in the county where 27 such waters lie. They are authorized to grant permission 28 to take moose, caribou, deer, and birds for park purposes 20 in this State, under such rules, regulations, and conditions They may, under such rules and 30 as they shall establish. 31 regulations as they may establish, permit the taking of eels 32 and white fish in the inland waters of the State. They shall 33 have authority to cause the destruction of all mink found 34 in or around any fish hatchery or feeding station in this 35 State. They may upon petition of ten or more taxpayers, 36 residents in the locality, adopt such needful rules and regu-37 lations, not contrary to the general laws of the State, as 38 may be necessary to prevent the interference with, or the 39 destruction of the spawning beds, feeding troughs, or arti-40 ficial ponds of land-locked salmon or trout, or other usetul 41 fish. The penalty for the willful violation of any of such 42 rules and regulations shall be fifty dollars for each offense. 43 The commissioners may at their discretion screen the outlet 44 of any pond or lake or authorize the same to be done under 45 such conditions as may seem to them just.

'Sect. 39. The owner or occupant of every dam or other 2 artificial obstruction in any river or stream frequented by 3 salmon, shad, alewives, or land-locked salmon, shall provide 4 the same with a durable and efficient fishway, of such form 5 and capacity, and in such location as may, after notice in 6 writing to one or more of said owners or occupants and a 7 hearing thereon, be determined by the commissioners of 8 inland fisheries and game by written notice to some owner 9 or occupant specifying the location, form, and capacity of the 10 required fishway, and the time within which it shall be built; 11 and said owner or occupant shall keep said fishway in repair, 12 and open and free from obstruction for the passage of fish, 13 during such times as are prescribed by law; provided, how-14 ever, that in case of disagreement between said commis-15 sioners and the owner or occupant of any dam, as to the pro-16 priety and safety of the plan submitted to the owner or occu-17 pant of such dam for the location and construction of the 18 fishway, such owner or occupant may appeal to the county 19 commissioners of the county where the dam is located, within 20 twenty days after notice of the determination, to the com-21 missioners of inland fisheries and game by giving to the 22 latter named commissioners notice in writing of such appeal 23 within that time, stating therein the reasons therefor; and at 24 the request of the appellant or the commissioners of inland 25 fisheries and game the senior commissioners in office of any

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26 two adjoining counties shall be associated with them, who 27 shall appoint a time to view the premises and hear the parties 28 and give due notice thereof, and after such hearing they shall 20 decide the question submitted, and cause record to be made 30 thereof, and their decision shall be final as to the plan and 31 location appealed from. If the requirements of the com-32 missioners of inland fisheries and game are affirmed, the 33 appellants shall be liable for the costs arising after the appeal, 34 otherwise they shall be paid by the county. If a fishway 35 thus required is not completed to the satisfaction of the com-36 missioners of inland fisheries and game within the time 37 specified, every owner or occupant shall forfeit not more than 38 one hundred nor less than twenty dollars for every day of 39 such neglect between the first days of May and November. 40 On the completion of a fishway to the satisfaction of the 41 commissioners of inland fisheries and game, or at any sub-42 sequent time, they shall prescribe in writing the time during 43 which the same shall be kept open and free from obstruction 44 to the passage of fish each year, and a copy of such writing 45 shall be served on the owner or occupant of the dam. The 46 commissioners of inland fisheries and game may change the 47 time as they see fit. Unless otherwise provided, fishways 48 shall be kept open and unobstructed from the first day of 49 May to the fifteenth day of July. The penalty for neglect-50 ing to comply with this section, or with any regulations made 51 in accordance herewith, is not less than twenty nor more 52 than one hundred dollars for every day of such neglect.

'Sect. 40. Whenever the commissioners of inland fisheries 2 and game find a fishway out of repair or needing alterations, 3 they may, as in case of new fishways, require the owner or 4 occupant to make such repairs or alterations; and all pro-5 ceedings in such cases and the penalty for neglect shall be 6 as provided in the three preceding sections, without appeal.

7 If the dam is owned and occupied by more than one person, 8 each is liable for the cost of erecting and maintaining such 9 fishway, in proportion to his interest in the dam, and if any 10 owner or occupant neglects or refuses to join with the others II in erecting or maintaining such fishway, the other owners 12 or occupants shall erect or repair the same, and have an 13 action on the case against such delinquent for his share of the 14 expenses. If the owner or occupant of such dam resides out 15 of the State, said penalties may be recovered by a libel against 16 the dam and land on which it stands, filed in the supreme 17 judicial court in the county where it is located, in the name 18 of the commissioners of inland fisheries and game or of any 19 fish wardens who shall give to such owner or occupant, and 20 all persons interested therein, such notice as the court or any 21 justice thereof in vacation, orders, and the court may render 22 judgment therein, against said dam and lands for said penal-23 ties and costs, and order a sale thereof to satisfy such judg-24 ment and costs of sale, subject, however, to all said require-25 ments for the erection and maintenance or repair of said fish-26 way. The commissioners of inland fisheries and game may 27 delegate to any fish warden or other lawful officer of fish-28 eries any of the powers given to said commissioners in rela-29 tion to the construction of fishways.

'Sect. 41. The following waters and their tributaries are 2 exempt from the provisions relating to migratory fishes and 3 the supervision of the fishways by the commissioners; that is 4 to say, Royall river in North Yarmouth, Sewall's pond or its 5 outlet in Arrowsic, so much of the waters of the Damariscotta 6 river as are west of the railroad bridge near Damariscotta 7 mills, all waters in Vinalhaven, Tremont, Mount Desert, 8 Eden, Franklin, and Sullivan, Pleasant river in Washington 9 county, East Machias river, and the Eastern Penobscot river 10 in Orland. Little river in Perry shall be exempt from all the 11 foregoing provisions that relate to maintaining fishways in 12 said river, except during April, May and June.

'Sect. 42. For the purposes of this chapter, the term "salm-2 on" means the common migratory salmon of the sea coast 3 and rivers; the term "land-locked salmon" means any of the 4 species or varieties of salmon that do not periodically and 5 habitually run to the sea, being the same locally known as 6 "salmon trout" and "black spotted trout;" the term "alewife" 7 means the small species of migratory fish called "alewife" but 8 known also by the local names of "herring" and "gaspereau," 9 and also includes the similar species found in tidal waters and 10 known as "blue-back;" and the term "bass" means the striped 11 bass of tidal waters.

'Sect. 43. The provisions of this chapter so far as they 2 relate to fish apply to the taking of the same in all fresh waters 3 above the flow of the tide and in all tidal waters frequented 4 by the various species of fresh water and migratory fishes, 5 except to the capture of shad and alewives in Denny's river 6 and its tributaries, Pemmaquam river and its tributaries, and 7 the Schoodic lakes and their tributaries, and to the taking of 8 white fish in the Schoodic lakes on the St. Croix river and 9 their tributaries, by citizens of the State with set nets, during 10 the months of May and November, and conveying them to II their own homes, but not otherwise. This chapter does not 12 apply to fish taken in the weirs on Saint Croix river, and does 13 not repeal the laws relating to the Saint Croix, Denny's, Pem-14 maquam, Cobscook, East Machias, and Narraguagus rivers; 15 nor does it apply to the taking of blue-back trout; except that 16 no person shall fish for, catch, take, kill, or destroy the same, 17 with net, seine, weir, or trap, under a penalty of five dollars 18 for the attempt, and one dollar for each blue-back trout so 19 taken, caught, killed, or destroyed, to be recovered by com-20 plaint.

'Sect. 44. Any riparian proprietor may, within the limits 2 of his own premises, inclose the waters of a stream not navi-3 gable, for the cultivation of useful fishes; provided that he 4 furnishes suitable passages for migratory fishes naturally fre-5 quenting such waters, and does not obstruct the passage of 6 boats and other craft and materials, in places where the same 7 have a right to pass. Any person legally engaged in the arti-8 ficial culture and maintenance of fishes, may take them in his 9 own enclosed waters wherein the same are so cultivated and 10 maintained, as and when he pleases, and may at all times sell 11 them for cultivation and propagation; but he shall not sell 12 them for food at seasons when the taking thereof is prohibited, 13 under a penalty of not less than ten normore than one hundred 14 dollars, and a further penalty of not less than one dollar for 15 each fish so sold. Any person engaged in the artificial propaga-16 tion of trout, or fresh and salt water salmon, when the parent 17 fish are taken from public waters in the State, shall retain not 18 less than twenty-five per cent of all eggs taken from said parent 19 fish, and shall cause the same to be properly cared for and 20 hatched, and, when hatched and in proper condition, to be re-21 turned to a place suitable for such young fish in the original 22 waters from which the parent fish were taken, and shall cause 23 said parent fish to be returned to safe locations in such waters, 24 under a penalty of not less than fifty nor more than five hun-25 dred dollars for each offence. But this section does not apply 26 to cases in which the parent fish are taken in the manner and 27 at the time and place permitted for the capture of such fish 28 for food; nor to operations in fish culture conducted for public 29 purposes by permission of the commissioners of fisheries, who 30 may affix such conditions to their permits as they see fit,

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31 requiring in no case, however, less than twenty-five per cent 32 of the young fish to be returned, as provided in this section.

'Sect. 45. No person without permission of the proprietor, 2 shall fish in that portion of a pond or other water in which 3 fish are artificially cultivated or maintained by written permis-4 sion of the fish commissioners, under a penalty of not less 5 than ten nor more than one hundred dollars, besides two dol-6 lars for each fish so taken or killed; and, in default of pay-7 ment, such offender shall be imprisoned at the expense of the 8 prosecutor, until said forfeiture is paid or otherwise dis-9 charged by due process of law.

'Sect. 46. Whoever kills or destroys any sea salmon or 2 land-locked salmon less than nine inches in length, or any 3 trout less than five inches in length, forfeits five dollars for the 4 offence and fifty cents for every land-locked salmon or trout 5 so killed or destroyed. Whoever has in possession any 6 salmon or trout of less than the above dimensions shall be 7 deemed to have taken it in violation of this section.

'Sect. 47. The governor with the advice and consent of 2 the council, upon the recommendation of the commissioners 3 of inland fisheries and game, may appoint suitable persons as 4 fish and game wardens, who shall hold office for a term of 5 three years unless sooner removed, and who shall enforce all 6 laws relating to inland game and fisheries, and all rules and 7 regulations in relation thereto, arrest all violators thereof, and 8 prosecute all offences against the same; said wardens shall 9 have the same power to serve criminal processes against such 10 offenders, and shall be allowed the same fees, as sheriffs, for 11 like services, and they shall have the same right as sheriffs to 12 require aid in executing the duties of their office. They shall, 13 before being qualified to discharge the duties required by this 14 act, give bond to the treasurer of the State with two good 15 and sufficient sureties in the penal sum of two thousand dol-

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16 lars approved by the commissioners of inland fisheries and
17 game, conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties
18 of their office. Inland fish and game wardens may serve all
19 processes pertaining to the collection of penalties for violation
20 of the inland fish and game laws; fish wardens may be
21 appointed inland fish and game wardens and need not give
22 additional bond.

'Sect. 48. Sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, police officers and con-2 stables, are vested with the powers of inland fish and game 3 wardens and their deputies, and shall receive for their ser-4 vices the same fees.

'Sect. 49. The commissioners and every warden through-2 out the State and every sheriff and constable in his respec-3 tive county are authorized and required to enforce the pro-4 visions of this chapter, and to seize any game or fish or game 5 birds taken or held in violation of this chapter; and every 6 such officer shall have full power and authority, and it shall 7 be his duty with or without a warrant, to arrest any person 8 whom he has reason to believe guilty of a violation thereof, 9 and, with or without a warrant, to open, enter, and exam-10 ine all camps, wagons, cars, stages, tents, packs, stores, ware-11 houses, store-houses, out-houses, stables, barns, and other 12 places, and to examine all boxes, barrels, and packages where 13 he has reason to believe any game or fish taken or held in 14 violation of this act, is to be found, and to seize the same; 15 provided, however, that a dwelling house actually occupied 16 can be entered for examination, only in pursuance of a war-17 rant, or to make an arrest.

'Sect. 50. Any officer authorized to enforce the inland fish 2 and game laws may recover the penalties for the violation 3 thereof in an action on the case in his own name, the venue 4 to be as in other civil actions, or by complaint or indictment 5 in the name of the State; and such prosecution may be com-

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6 menced in the county in which the offence was committed, or 7 in any adjoining county, and the plaintiff prevailing shall 8 recover full costs without regard to the amount recovered. 9 The term "game birds" as used in this act shall be construed 10 to mean the ruffed grouse, or partridge, all species of the 11 pheasant, woodcock, snipe, plover, quail, and all ducks enu-12 merated in this act; and the term "game animals" shall be 13 construed to mean moose, caribou, and deer.

'Sect. 51. Any officer authorized to enforce the inland 2 fish and game laws may, without process, arrest any violator 3 of any of said laws, and shall with reasonable diligence, cause 4 him to be taken before any trial justice or any municipal or 5 police court, in the county where the offence was committed, 6 or in any adjoining county, for a warrant and trial. Juris-7 diction in such cases is hereby granted to all trial justices and 8 all other courts to be exercised in the same manner as if the 9 offence had been committed in that county; and any officer 10 who shall maliciously, or without probable cause, abuse his 11 power in such proceedings shall be liable upon complaint or 12 indictment, to a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, or 13 imprisonment not exceeding three months.

'Sect. 52. In all prosecutions under this chapter and the 2 amendments and additions thereto, municipal and police 3 judges and trial justices within their counties have, by com-4 plaint, original and concurrent jurisdiction with the supreme 5 judicial and superior courts.

'Sect. 53. Any officer or other person who shall receive 2 any fine or penalty, or any part thereof, for the violation of 3 any fish or game law, and shall neglect for more than thirty 4 days to pay the same into the State treasury, shall be pun-5 ished by a fine of not less than fifty, nor more than one hun-6 dred dollars; all fines and penalties recovered, or money 7 paid, under any of the provisions of this chapter and the 8 amendments and additions thereto, shall by the person re-9 ceiving the same, be paid forthwith to the treasurer of the 10 State, after deducting legal taxable costs; and such money 11 so received by said treasurer shall be expended by the com-12 missioners of inland fisheries and game for the protection of 13 the fish and game of the State.

'Sect. 54. In case of a violation of any of the provisions of 2 this chapter by a corporation, the warrant of arrest may be 3 read to the president, secretary, or manager in this State, or 4 any general or local agent thereof in the county where the 5 action is pending, and upon return of such warrant so 6 served, the corporation shall be deemed in court and sub-7 ject to the jurisdiction thereof, and any fine imposed may 8 be collected by execution against the property of such cor-9 poration; but this section shall not be deemed to exempt any 10 agent or employee from prosecution.

'Sect. 55. If the holder of any license, certificate, or per-2 mit, issued in conformity with any of the provisions of this 3 chapter, shall persistently or flagrantly and knowingly violate 4 or countenance the violation of any of the provisions of this 5 chapter, such license, certificate, or permit may be revoked 6 by the commissioners, after due notice given of the alleged 7 violation, and an opportunity afforded to appear and show 8 cause against the same.

'Sect. 56. It shall be the duty of each county attorney to 2 prosecute all violations of this chapter occurring within his 3 county, when such cases may come to his knowledge, or when 4 he may be so requested by the commissioners or any officer 5 charged with its enforcement, the same at all times to be 6 subject to the supervision and control of the commissioners. 7 In any prosecution under this chapter, any participant in a 8 violation thereof, when so requested by the county attorney, 9 commissioners, or other officer instituting the prosecution,

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10 may be compelled to testify as a witness against any other II person charged with violating the same, but his evidence so 12 given shall not be used against himself in any prosecution 13 for such violation. It shall be the duty of every justice of 14 the peace and clerk of the court before whom any prosecu-15 tion under this act is commenced, or shall go on appeal, with-16 in twenty days after the trial or dismissal thereof, to report 17 in writing the result thereof and the amount of fines collected, 18 if any, and the disposition thereof to the commissioners, at 10 Augusta. In all cases, the officer making the seizure or sale 20 of fish, game, or birds, shall within ten days thereafter, report 21 all the particulars thereof and an itemized statement of the 22 proceeds, expenses, and fees, and the disposition thereof to 23 the commissioners, at Augusta. Every warden shall, in the 24 month of December of each year, and at such other times as 25 the commissioners may require, report to the commissioners 26 all violations of and prosecutions under this act, occurring 27 in his district, together with such further information as the 28 commissioners may require. The failure of any person or 29 officer to perform any act, duty, or obligation enjoined upon 30 him by this act, shall be deemed a violation thereof.

'Sect. 57. Cities, towns, and plantations are authorized to 2 raise annually, by a two-thirds vote at their annual meeting, 3 a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars, to be expended by 4 the municipal officers thereof or by a commissioner elected 5 by the cities, towns, or plantations, for the propagation and 6 protection of fish in public waters located wholly or partially 7 within their respective limits. A report of the expenditures 8 thereof shall be made at the next annual meeting by the offi-9 cer or officers authorized to expend such appropriation.'

Sect. 2. All acts and parts of acts, whether so called pub-2 lic, or private and special, which are inconsistent with the 3 provisions of this act, and all acts and parts of acts, whether 4 public, or private and special, relating to inland fish and 5 game, and which are not incorporated in this act, and all 6 rules and regulations of the commissioners of inland fisheries 7 and game, are hereby repealed. But this act shall not be con-8 strued as repealing any of the laws pertaining to sea and 9 shore fisheries, or any of the laws governing the taking of 10 salmon, shad, herring, alewives, and smelts in any of the tidal 11 waters of the State, or waters flowing directly thereinto.

STATEMENT, AND PETITION OF TIMBER LAND OWNERS.

This bill was unanimously reported from the committee on inland fisheries and game, and has the unqualified approval of the commissioners of inland fisheries and game, and the legislative committee and consulting attorney of the Maine Fish and Game Association, and was formally indorsed by this association at its annual meeting in January. It has been carefully examined by, and has the unqualified indorsement of, many attorneys and leading citizens who take an intelligent interest in our inland fish and game matters.

SCOPE OF THE WORK.

This bill brings into one chapter of the revised statutes every law, public, private or special, relating to inland fisheries and game; and all laws not herein contained is repealed by the repealing clause. It has been prepared by a committee of the Maine State Fish and Game Association. This bill, requiring great and patient research and much labor has been prepared without expense to the State of a single dollar, and has done the work for the inland department that a commission appointed in 1896 did for the sea and shore department of fisheries.

It will be found upon examination, that but few changes of importance have been made, the principal feature being the codifying or gathering into one chapter all laws pertaining to inland fisheries and game.

In order to assist the busy legislator, attention is called in this statement to every change by section and the reason briefly stated for the change.

Section five contains all the laws pertaining to inland fish. The general close time on fish is made to be from October 1st until the ice is out of the ponds and lakes the following spring, the present close time being from October 1st to May 1st. It will be found that no changes otherwise have been made, except to reduce the number of pounds a person may take in ice fishing to twenty in a day.

All ponds and lakes in Somerset and Kennebec counties are closed to ice fishing, in addition to Franklin and Oxford counties which were closed under old laws, except that part of Moosehead lake which is in Somerset county. All special laws closing tributaries to ponds and lakes and all special laws on any and all streams, ponds and lakes are included in this section, so that any person desiring to ascertain what law there is on any lake, pond, or stream can find it in this section.

Section 6 makes no change whatever, except permitting "spinners," so called, to be used in fishing. These are and have been in general use.

Section 7 makes no change from present law except that togue is included with trout and land-locked salmon and white perch in the 25 pound limit for one day's catch.

Section 8 makes no change from the old law.

Section 9 makes no change from the old law.

Section 10, cusk, suckers and pickerel added to present law only.

Section 11 makes no change except sale of ruffed grouse prohibited and number that one may kill in a day limited to 15, and sandpipers added to list of protected birds.

Section 12 makes no change from the old law.

Section 13 makes no change whatever except "having firearms in possession in the night on the duck grounds in Merrymeeting bay and Kennebec river below Gardiner bridge shall be prima facie evidence that the person having them is hunting illegally."

Section 14 makes no change in the law except the commissioners shall appoint the persons authorized to take birds, their nests and eggs, etc., the same as they do the taxidermists.

Section 15 makes no change in the old law except the close time on muskrats.

Section 16 makes no change whatever in the old law.

Section 17 defines the term "calf moose," otherwise no change. Section 18 makes no change in the present law.

Section 19 makes no change in the present law except close time on deer commences December 15th instead of January 1st. Six years close time on caribou.

Section 20 changes penalty for illegal killing of moose so the court may impose fine or imprisonment in its discretion.

Section 21 is new. Provides that one deer may be taken for food purposes in September to be consumed by the person taking

it in the locality where taken, or payment of a fee of \$6.00 by non-residents and \$4.00 by residents, under such rules and regulations as the commissioners shall establish. This applies only to the counties of Oxford, Franklin, Somerset, Piscataquis, Penobscot, Aroostook, Washington and Hancock. It is believed that no more deer will be killed in September under this law than now, and the State will derive some revenue from it, and besides, it will, it is believed, create a feeling among the guides which will aid materially in enforcing the laws. Registered guides must accompany non-residents camping out in the wild lands of the State during certain months.

Section 22 makes no change in the old law except the words "open season" and "close season" are defined.

Section 23 makes no change whatever from the old law.

Section 24 makes no change whatever from the old law.

Section 25 makes no change whatever from the old law.

Section 26 is new. It provides that two game birds, IO pounds of fish, or moose or deer may be shipped without the owner going with it. There is no compulsion about it, but an additional privilege if one wants to avail themselves of it by payment of a fee. The fee is so large that it cannot be made profitable to ship for the markets under this law, and it gives an honest citizen a chance while away from home on a trip to send a fish, a bird, or a deer to his home.

Section 27 makes no change from the old law except a fee is required for the privilege of the exclusive right to retail deer meat.

Section 28 is new. It provides a way that a deer skins may be lawfully bought and had in possession and sold.

Section 29 is new. Places of resort or sporting camps are very numerous in the hunting territory of the State and it is of the utmost importance that the commissioners shall have some way of knowing who operates them, where they are located, and of keeping non-residents from across the border from destroying the game by operating such camps, and the same applies to the professional, all the year round hunter or trapper.

Sections 30 and 31 pertain to the registration of guides. No change is made except guides may be registered as general or

local guides, and non-residents registered shall pay a fee of \$20.00.

Sections 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, and 57 make no change from the old laws. Some slight verbal changes are made only.

Sections 54, 55, and 56 are new in part only, and section 2 of this act is the repealing clause.

PETITION OF WILD LAND OWNERS.

To the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game:

The undersigned residents of Maine respectfully represent that certain bills now pending before your committee providing in substance that no person or persons shall enter upon the wild lands in this State with intent to camp and kindle fires thereon while engaged in hunting and fishing without being in charge of a registered guide, and that no person or persons should carry on a public sportsmen's camp in any of the wild lands of the State without being first licensed by the commissioners of fish and game, should receive the favorable action of your committee for the following reasons among others:

The timber lands in Maine by reason of their great intrinsic value constituting an important element of our wealth and being the very essence and foundation of our great pulp and lumbering industries are entitled to a maximum of protection. Whatever adds to their protection, adds security to the wealth of our people. The wild lands are the hunting grounds of the State-they are the home and the haunt of the fish and game-and being so, any protection thrown around them necessarily enures to the better protection of the fish and game. The great peril to our timber lands is fire, and so far as is possible, this peril from every consideration of a sound public policy should be reduced to a minimum. In dry as well as in wet seasons, thousands of persons roam over the private property of our citizens in quest of fish and game, and camp and kindle fires thereon. There should be some protection against their carelessness. The privilege for which they pay nothing should not be left open to be abused so as to entail heavy losses of private property. No protection can be offered so cheaply and efficiently as to compel hunters and fishermen, intending to camp and kindle fires to be attended by a registered guide upon whom rests the responsibilities of his office.

Much of the same arguments obtain with reference to public sporting camps. They should be licensed—their owners should be known to the commissioners to be careful, competent and safe men to be entrusted with the fish and game interests of the State as well as with the landed interests of her citizens. We therefore ask that the bills before your honorable committee receive a favorable considration and report.

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