

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

Seventy-first Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 516

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND THREE.

AN ACT to amend section 48 of chapter 284 of the public laws of 1891 entitled an act to consolidate and simplify the laws pertaining to sea and shore fisheries as contained in chapter forty of the Revised Statutes and in amendments and additions thereto.

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

Section 1. That section 48 of chapter 284 of the public laws of 1901, nineteen hundred and one, are hereby amended by striking out the word "fifteenth" in the twenty-sixth line and

4 inserting therefor the word 'thirtieth' so that said section as
5 amended will read as follows:

6 'No smelts shall be taken or fished for in tidal waters except
7 by hook and line between the first days of April and October
8 under a penalty of not less than ten nor more than thirty dol-
9 lars for each offense, and a further penalty of twenty cents
10 for each smelt so taken, and all weirs for the capture of smelts
11 shall be open and so remain, and all nets used in the smelt
12 and tom cod fishery shall be taken from the water on or before
13 the first day of April under a penalty of not less than twenty
14 nor more than fifty dollars and a further fine of five dollars
15 for each day that any such weir or net remains in violation
16 of law. But weirs with catch pounds covered with nets, the
17 meshes of which are one inch in the clear, or greater, are
18 not subject to this section. But no smelts caught in such
19 weirs after the first day of April shall be sold or offered for
20 sale in this State nor shall smelts caught in any manner
21 between the first day of April and the first day of October
22 following be offered for sale, sold, or shipped from the State
23 under a penalty of twenty-five dollars for each offense, pro-
24 vided however that dip nets may be used between the first day
25 of April and the first day of May and all smelts caught by dip
26 nets between said days may be lawfully offered for sale and
27 sold in this State, provided further that this section does not
28 apply to smelts taken in the Androscoggin river above the
29 Merrymeeting bay bridge between the first days of October
30 and November. Nor to smelts taken in the Penobscot river
31 and its tributaries between the first and thirtieth days of April.
32 Nor to smelts taken in Casco bay between the fifteenth day of

33 September and the first day of October, nor to smelts taken in
34 Taunton bay between the first day of April and the first day
35 of May nor smelts taken in Little Kennebec bay, so called, in
36 the county of Washington between the first day of April and
37 the first day of May.'

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, March 21, 1903.

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

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk*