

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

SENATE.

No. 33

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE for the purpose of operating the fish hatcheries and feeding stations for fish and for the protection of fish.

Resolved, That the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars is
2 hereby appropriated for the year 1905 and also twenty-five
3 thousand dollars for the year 1906 to be expended by the com-
4 missioners of inland fisheries and game, under the direction
5 of the Governor and Council, for the purpose of operating
6 the fish hatcheries and feeding stations for fish in the State
7 and for the protection of fish. Provided, also, that the com-
8 missioners of inland fisheries and game may purchase or
9 lease real estate in the name of the State for the purpose of
10 maintaining fish hatcheries and feeding stations and erecting
11 the same for fish culture, and may also assist in maintaining
12 fish hatcheries for fish culture owned and under the manage-
13 ment of fish and game associations, provided, also, that the
14 commissioners shall make a detailed statement in their report
15 of all expenditures of money expended under this resolve.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

This resolve is for the same amount that has been appropriated by the legislature for many sessions and in practically the same language.

There are eight hatcheries and feeding stations to be maintained, as follows:

- One at Sebago lake.
- One at Rangeley lake.
- One at Lake Auburn.
- One at Monmouth.
- One at Moosehead lake.
- One at Winthrop.
- One at Caribou.

And one at Cold Stream lake in Penobscot county.

The superintendent, in an itemized statement filed with the commissioners and printed in their report, says: "That it will cost to operate these hatcheries and feeding stations \$21,480.00 yearly."

If the usual appropriation of \$25,000.00 per year is made it will leave less than \$4,000.00 to be expended for the protection of fish in our more than eighteen hundred lakes and many thousands of rivers and streams; to protect the Penobscot river salmon alone during their annual migrations up that river to their spawning beds we have to expend more than one thousand dollars. We are not able to supply one-fourth of the demands of the people for warden service to protect fish on their spawning beds. The State makes no appropriation for the protection of game. This is done by the non-resident hunters' licenses. Modern fish culture requires that the fish be kept the second year after hatching at the feeding stations when they will have attained a growth sufficient that they can take care of themselves. This means increased expenditures, and the hatcheries have increased from four to eight and without an increased appropriation.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, January 27, 1905.

Reported by Mr. FURBISH, from Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary*.