

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 385

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT for the better protection of alewives, shad and
sturgeon in various rivers in Maine.

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

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to take,
2 catch, kill or destroy any alewives, shad or sturgeon in the
3 waters of the Kennebec river above the Randolph and Gar-
4 diner bridge, or in the Androscoggin river or Merrymeeting
5 bay above the line indicated by the piers of the old Merry-
6 meeting bay bridge, or in the Cathance river above the iron
7 bridge at Bowdoinham village, or in Abbagadasset river
8 above Maxwell's Middle Ground, so called, or in Mud or

9 Muddy river or Muddy river channel, or in the Eastern river
10 in Lincoln county above Dresden upper bridge.

Sect. 2. Whoever, having in his possession any sturgeon
2 of less than five feet measured from tip to tip, shall imme-
3 diately and carefully liberate the same. Whoever violates the
4 provisions of this section shall be fined twenty dollars and
5 costs for each and every sturgeon so unlawfully retained.

Sect. 3. It shall be unlawful for any person to fish with
2 weirs or use drift nets in any way in the Kennebec river or
3 its tributaries or Merrymeeting bay from June 15th to
4 August 15th of each year. This section does not apply to
5 Kennebec river and its tributaries below Bluff Head in the
6 town of Arrowsic.

Sect. 4. It shall be unlawful for any person to fish for,
2 take, catch or kill any alewives or shad in Merrymeeting
3 bay by any other method than that usually employed in tak-
4 ing fish with weirs or drift nets.

Sect. 5. It shall be unlawful for any person to fish for,
2 take, catch or kill any sturgeon in the Kennebec river or its
3 tributaries and Merrymeeting bay between June 15th and
4 March 1st.

Sect. 6. It shall be unlawful for any person to use any drift
2 net in the above described waters or any of them more than
3 one hundred and fifty fathoms in length or more than sixty
4 meshes in depth.

Sect. 7. Whoever shall violate any of the provisions of
2 section one of this act shall forfeit and pay fifty cents for

3 each alewife, one dollar for each shad, twenty dollars for
4 each sturgeon less than five feet in length and fifty dollars
5 for each sturgeon which is more than five feet in length.

Whoever shall violate any of the provisions of sections
7 three, four and five of this act shall be subject to a penalty of
8 one hundred dollars and costs and any and all appliances
9 used in violation of said sections shall be subject to seizure
10 and confiscation.

All fines and penalties under this chapter may be recovered
12 by complaint, indictment or action of debt made or brought
13 in the county where the offense is committed, as provided in
14 section sixty-one of chapter forty-one of the Revised Statutes
15 of Maine.

Sect. 8. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act
2 are hereby repealed.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, March 5, 1907.

Reported by Mr. FARNHAM from Committee on Shore Fisheries and
ordered printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*