

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

SENATE.

No. 23

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE for the purpose of operating the fish hatcheries and feeding stations for fish and for the protection of fish, with statement of facts.

Resolved, That the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars is 2 hereby appropriated for the year nineteen hundred and seven 3 and also twenty-five thousand dollars for the year nineteen 4 hundred and eight to be expended by the commissioners of 5 inland fisheries and game, under the direction of the gov- 6 ernor and council, for the purpose of operating the fish 7 hatcheries and feeding stations for fish in the state and for 8 the protection of fish. Provided, also, that the commis- 9 sioners of inland fisheries and game may purchase or lease 10 real estate in the name of the state for the purpose of main- 11 taining fish hatcheries and feeding stations and erecting the 12 same for fish culture, and may also assist in maintaining fish

13 hatcheries for fish culture owned and under the management
14 of fish and game associations, provided, also, that the com-
15 missioners shall make a detailed statement in their report of
16 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 8 hatcheries and feeding stations for fish to be maintained, as follows:

One each at Sebago lake, Rangeley lake, Auburn, Monmouth, Moosehead lake, Belgrade lakes, Caribou and Cold Stream lake.

It will cost over \$20,000 to operate the hatcheries, leaving but \$5,000 to be expended in fishways and warden service for fish.

It costs over \$1,000 in warden service to guard the salmon in the Penobscot river. The parent fish have to be protected on their spawning beds in the fall, and modern fish cultivation requires that the young fish be fed as long as possible before being planted.

The state makes no appropriation for the protection of game or birds and will not be asked to. This is provided for by fines and licenses.

The call for fish to stock our numerous lakes and ponds does not grow less but increases instead. Our people want the fish and want the state to hatch them in their hatcheries.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, January 23, 1907.

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

F. G. FARRINGTON, *Secretary*.