

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 580

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to regulate fishing for black bass, white perch and
smelts in the Belgrade Chain of Lakes, so called, in the
counties of Kennebec and Somerset.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to take,
2 catch and kill more than six black bass in all in any one
3 day in Great, Long, East, North, Little, Ellis, McGraw or
4 Snow ponds, so called, being the Belgrade Chain of Lakes,
5 so called, in the counties of Kennebec and Somerset, or to
6 take, catch and kill any black bass in any of these waters
7 less than twelve inches in length.

Sect. 2. It shall be unlawful to fish for, take, catch or
2 kill any smelts in any of the above named lakes and ponds
3 from June fifteenth of each year until the ice is out of the
4 pond or lake fished in the following spring.

Sect. 3. Bait casting, so called, for black bass, is hereby
2 made unlawful in the above named waters from the time
3 the ice goes out of said waters in the spring until July first
4 following of each year.

Sect. 4. It shall be unlawful for any person to take, catch
2 and kill more than ten white perch in all in any one day
3 in Great pond or in Long pond, said ponds being in the
4 above mentioned Belgrade Chain of Lakes, so called.

Sect. 5. Whoever violates any of the provisions of this
2 act shall be subject to the same penalty as is provided in
3 the general law of the State for the illegal fishing for and
4 catching black bass or white perch.

Sect. 6. In all prosecutions arising under this act, municipi-
2 pal and police courts and trial justices within their respective
3 counties shall have, upon complaint, original and concurrent
4 jurisdiction with the supreme judicial and superior courts,
5 and all fines, forfeitures and penalties received for any vio-
6 lation of this act shall be paid forthwith by the person re-
7 ceiving the same to the State Treasurer, and credited to
8 fines and license fees for the protection of birds and game.



STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, March 12, 1909.

Reported by Mr. BIGELOW from Committee on Inland
Fisheries and Game and ordered printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*