

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 124

House of Representatives, Feb. 8, 1911.

Introduced in House, January 30, by Mr. Heffron of Eastport, and referred to Committee on Shore Fisheries. In Senate, January 31, referred to same committee in concurrence. In House, February 8, 500 copies ordered printed, on motion of Mr. Heffron.

C. C. HARVEY Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT for the better protection of the fisheries of Maine.

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

Section 1. All boats using internal combustion engines
2 shall be equipped with suitable mufflers.

Sect. 2. It shall be unlawful to erect, or maintain fish
2 weirs, or traps, on any spawning ground, or upon grounds
3 where spawning herring usually inhabit.

Sect. 3. It shall be unlawful to catch any spawn, or milt,
2 herring, or to sell, or offer for sale, any uncured spawn, or
3 milt herring, in quantities exceeding one hogshead per day.

Sect. 4. It shall be lawful for lobster fishermen, or small
2 shore fishermen, to catch herring for bait purposes, only for

3 their own use, in any manner whatsoever, except with purse
4 or drag seines, and except within one thousand (1000) feet
5 of weirs, or traps, owned by others, unless by consent of
6 the owners of such weirs or traps.

Sect. 5. It shall be lawful for any owner of a weir to at-
2 tach a seine not exceeding five hundred (500) feet in length
3 to such weir for the purpose of driving fish into such weir.

Sect. 6. It shall be unlawful to catch or sell herring in
2 quantities in which the fish under four inches in length com-
3 prise more than five percent in bulk of the total quantity
4 caught or sold.

Sect. 7. It shall be lawful to build a twine weir, moored
2 with anchors, but no such weir shall be moored within one
3 thousand feet (1000) of the mouth of any weir already
4 built, in fishing condition.

Sect. 8. Any person violating provision of this act shall
2 be punished by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars
3 (\$1000).

Sect. 9. All acts, or parts of acts inconsistent herewith, are
2 hereby repealed.