
SEVENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 211

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W. C. HANSON, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to regulate the taking of beaver.

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

Section 1. The Commissioners of Inland Fisheries and
2 Game, upon written complaint of any land owner that beaver
3 are doing actual, substantial damage to his property, shall
4 have authority to declare an open season for beaver upon
5 such land for such period of time as they may deem neces-
6 sary to remove the beaver that are doing the damage com-
7 plained of, during which open season it shall be lawful for
8 any licensed hunter and trapper of fur bearing animals to
9 trap beaver thereon. No open season for beaver as con-
10 templated by this act shall take effect until the Commission-
11 ers of Inland Fisheries and Game shall have caused notice

12 of such proposed open season to be published one time in a
13 newspaper printed in the county in which the land on which
14 the open season for beaver is declared is located, and said
15 commissioners shall also file copy of said notice of open
16 season with the clerk of the town or plantation in which
17 such land is located, or, if the land is in an unorganized
18 place, with the clerk of courts for the county in which the
19 land is located.

Whenever during a special open season on beaver as is
21 contemplated by this act it shall appear to the Commission-
22 ers of Inland Fisheries and Game that the privileges of such
23 open season are being abused in any place, said Commis-
24 sioners of Inland Fisheries and Game may suspend the
25 open season and declare it close season for beaver on such
26 land for such time as they may designate.

Sect. 2. It shall be unlawful to take any beaver anywhere
2 in the state at any time except during such open season as
3 may be declared by the Commissioners of Inland Fisheries
4 and Game in accordance with the provisions of this act.

Sect. 3. Whoever takes any beaver in violation of any of
2 the provisions of this act shall be subject to a penalty of
3 twenty-five dollars and costs for each beaver taken, caught
4 or killed in violation of any provision of this act. It shall
5 also be unlawful, under the same penalty, for any person
6 to have in possession, at any time, any beaver, or part there-
7 of, taken in violation of any provision of this act.

Sect. 4. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this
2 act are hereby repealed.