

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 198

House of Representatives, Feb. 16, 1915.

Ordered, That five hundred copies be printed and that the same be referred to the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries.

Committee on Reference.

Presented by Mr. Greenleaf of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to provide for the destruction of dog fish and other members of the shark species in the waters of Maine.

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

Section 1. A bounty of two cents for each and every dog
2 fish or other member of the shark family killed and de-
3 stroyed in any of the waters of Maine, shall be paid to the
4 person exhibiting to the Department of Sea and Shore Fish-
5 eries, upon presentation to the Commissioner or any deputies
6 thereof in said department, the tail of said fish and making
7 oath that the same were killed and destroyed by him within
8 ten days of such killing or his return from the fishing trip,
9 under such further rules and regulations as may be pre-

10 scribed by said Sea and Shore Fisheries Department, the
11 same to be paid by the Treasurer of the State to such per-
12 son, upon presentation of a proper certificate from the Com-
13 missioner.

Sect. 2. The sum of five thousand dollars for the year
2 nineteen hundred fifteen and five thousand dollars for the
3 year nineteen hundred and sixteen, shall be appropriated to
4 the Department of Sea and Shore Fisheries to be expended
5 by said department in carrying out the provisions of section
6 one only.

Sect. 3. Whereas it appears that an emergency exists for
2 the carrying into effect, the provisions in section one, this
3 act shall take effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The report of the Federal Bureau of Fishes show that the dog fish is a mutilator and destroyer of all food fish, and the Seventy-sixth Legislature of this State passed a resolution, Chapter 222, memorializing the Maine Congressional Delegation to favor legislation for the destruction of fish of the shark species, especially the dog fish.

Peak's Island, Me.

We, the fishermen of Peak's Island, Maine, submit to the Committee of the Sea and Shore Fisheries, in session at Augusta, that the dog fish pest *sets us back over 100 dollars* each, per year (per man). We, therefore, hope that your committee will urge Legislature, to pass a dog fish bounty of *not less than 2 cents* per dog fish—this session of Legislature.

J. H. Grant, T. A. Johnstone, Joseph K. Trott, Frank L. Trott, J. T. Trott, E. I. Littlejohn, H. M. Newell, Robert F. Lode, A. P. Trott, W. D. Walker, G. I. Speed, George W. Randall, H. S. Wallace, L. Trott, H. Haddlock—all the fishermen on Peak's Island.

Great Chebeague Island, Me.

We, the fishermen, of Great Chebeague Island, Maine, submit to the Committee of Sea and Shore Fisheries in session at Augusta, that the dog fish pest *sets us back over 100 dollars* each, per year (per man). We therefore sincerely hope that your committee will urge Legislature to pass a dog fish bounty of *not less than 2 cents* per dog fish—this session of Legislature.

Charles Ricker, John F. Small, Ernest W. Ricker, Stephen Ricker, Eugene W. Johnson, Watler H. Calder, John Calder, R. W. Ricker, S. A. Doughty, Silas A. Calder, Alonzo G. Dyer, Sylvanes Higgins, Geo. W. Higgins, Theodore P. Hill, Edward M. Jenks, Robert L. Ricker, Arthur A. Ricker, E. H. Miller, L. J. Miller, W. S. Miller, David Wilson, William S. Ross.