

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 292

House of Representatives, Feb. 19, 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. Small of Mt. Desert.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to amend section thirty-eight of chapter forty-one of the Revised Statutes of Maine as amended by chapter one hundred and forty-three of the Public Laws 1905, relative to seines.

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

Section thirty-eight of chapter forty-one of the revised
2 statutes of Maine as amended by chapter one hundred
3 and forty-three of the public laws 1905, is hereby amend-
4 ed by striking out from said section, the words, "one-
5 half of a nautical mile" and substituting therefor the words
6 'one thousand feet,' so that said section, when amended,
7 shall read as follows:

'Sect. 38. No person shall use any purse or drag seines
9 in the following waters: In Casco bay north of a line drawn
10 easterly from Prince's Point in the town of Yarmouth to
11 Bear Island in the town of Phippsburg, excepting for smelts,
12 bluebacks and spurling; in Kennebec river above a line drawn
13 across said river from Fort Popham in the town of Phipps-
14 burg to a point opposite at the lower end of Long Island
15 in the town of Georgetown; in Sheepscot river above a
16 bridge leading from Wiscasset to Edgcomb; in Damaris-
17 cotta river above a line drawn from Farnum's Head in the
18 town of Boothbay to a point opposite on the shore in the
19 town of Bristol, excepting the use of drag seines between
20 the above line and the Ledges, for all fish excepting ale-
21 wives; in Medomak river, above a line drawn from Mar-
22 tin's Point in the town of Friendship, westerly by the north-
23 east end of Hog Island to a point opposite in the town of
24 Bremen or take smelts in said river and its tributaries in
25 any other way than by hook and line; in Georges river,
26 above a line drawn from Hooper's Point in the town of
27 St. George westerly past the northerly end of Caldwell's
28 Island to a point opposite on the shore in the town of Cush-
29 ing, or take smelts in said river and its tributaries in any
30 other way than by hook and line, or dip nets, and no indi-
31 vidual shall take more than one-half bushel of smelts within
32 a period of twenty-four hours with dip net; in all bays,
33 inlets, rivers and harbors east of the west shore of the
34 Penobscot bay and river where any entrance to the same

35 or any part thereof from mainland to mainland is not more
36 than three nautical miles in width, but purse and drag seines
37 may be used for the purpose of taking smelts in these wa-
38 ters, except in Bluehill bay. The taking of herring or fish-
39 ing therefor, by the use of purse or drag seines and all other
40 seines or nets, except the use of seines or nets in weirs, from
41 the first day of June to the first day of November in the
42 waters of Machias bay and its approaches inside of or to
43 the northward of a direct line drawn straight from the high-
44 est summit of the island called The Brothers, easterly to a
45 point one-half mile distant and due south from Libby Island
46 lighthouse, thence from said point easterly to the southerly
47 extremity of the southern island, called Double Head Shots,
48 is hereby prohibited. The use of purse or drag seines with-
49 in a distance of one thousand feet from any fish weir in
50 any of the waters of the state east of White Head on the
51 west shore of Penobscot river is hereby prohibited, but such
52 seines may be used for the taking of smelts and for the
53 purpose of taking fish in weirs but shall not be used in any
54 water in which their use is prohibited by special or general
55 law.

Whoever violates any provision of this section shall be
57 liable to a penalty not exceeding five hundred dollars for
58 each offence, to be recovered by complaint, indictment or
59 action of debt.'