

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE**

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**HOUSE**

**NO. 814**

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*House of Representatives, March 17, 1915.*

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

*C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.*

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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RESOLVE for the completion of the fish screen at the outlet of Beech Hill lake, in the town of Otis, Hancock county.

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*Resolved,* That the sum of two hundred dollars be and is  
2 hereby appropriated for the year nineteen hundred and fif-  
3 teen to be expended under the direction of the Inland Fish  
4 and Game Commission, for the purpose of completing the  
5 fish screen already begun at the outlet of Beech Hill lake  
6 in the town of Otis, Hancock County.

Provided, however, that this appropriation shall not be  
8 available until the town of Otis shall have, in legal town  
9 meeting, and having an article in the warrant for said town  
10 meeting for that purpose, by vote of record, voted to assume  
11 all liability for the keeping of said screen in repair and at  
12 all times free from sticks, leaves and all debris, so that the

13 same will not become clogged and prevent the free running  
14 of the water through the same, and provided, further, that  
15 this appropriation shall not be available unless said screen  
16 is completed by October first, nineteen hundred and fifteen.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS.

Ellsworth, Maine, Feb. 13, 1915.

Frank S. Lord, Esq.,  
Augusta, Maine.

Dear Sir:—

Some three years ago, the Commissioners of Inland Fish and Game decided to place a fish screen at the outlet of Beech Hill Pond, located in Otis, Hancock County. They had the screen made in Portland and shipped to Ellsworth, together with several barrels of cement, and several individuals who were interested in the matter have hauled the screen and cement to the location free of charge, and stored the cement in a building. These same people have built two stone wings at the location of the screen, leaving the required space for the screen between them. And these people are willing to give some more time towards putting the screen in, but it needs lumber for forms and the services of men who know how to handle cement and build fish screens.

This requires some money, which does not seem to be available from any previous provision. But the work should be done this coming summer, as the cement is liable to spoil. I think there is about 70 feet of this screen, and two or three tons of cement, which must have cost the state \$200 or \$300, and this should not now go to waste, when a matter of \$200 will complete the work for one of the best salmon and trout lakes in the State. This lake is five miles long, with an average width of over a mile, located near the Ellsworth line and within eight miles of Ellsworth Falls R. R. station. This thing should be completed and not let this money expended go to waste. Change of administration or Commissioners has been delaying the matter. Please take the matter up.

Yours very truly,

L. F. GILES."