

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 376

In Senate, March 17, 1915.

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

W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to amend section thirty-nine of chapter thirty-two of
the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter two hundred
and six of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred and thirteen,
relating to the protection of beaver.

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

Section thirty-nine of chapter thirty-two of the Revised
2 Statutes, as amended by chapter two hundred and six of the
3 Public Laws of nineteen hundred and thirteen, is hereby
4 amended by striking out all of said section and by substi-
5 tuting therefor the following section:

6 Sect. 39. The Commissioners of Inland Fisheries and
7 Game, upon written complaint of any land owner that

8 beaver are doing actual, substantial damage to his property,
9 shall have authority to declare an open season for beaver
10 upon such land for such period of time as they may deem
11 necessary to remove the beaver that are doing the damage
12 complained of, during which open season it shall be lawful
13 for any licensed hunter and trapper of fur-bearing animals
14 to trap beaver thereon. No open season for beaver as con-
15 templated by this section shall take effect until the Commis-
16 sioners of Inland Fisheries and Game shall have caused no-
17 tice of such proposed open season to be published once in
18 a newspaper printed in the county in which the land on
19 which the open season for beaver is declared is located,
20 and said Commissioners shall also file copy of said notice
21 of open season with the clerk of the town or plantation in
22 which such land is located, or if the land is in an unorgan-
23 ized place, with the clerk of courts for the county in which
24 the land is located.

Whenever during a special open season on beaver as is
26 contemplated by this section it shall appear to the Commis-
27 sioners of Inland Fisheries and Game that the privileges of
28 such open season are being abused in any place, said Com-
29 missioners of Inland Fisheries and Game may suspend the
30 open season and declare it close season for beaver on such
31 land for such time as they may designate.

It shall be unlawful to take any beaver anywhere in the
33 State at any time except during such open season as may

34 be declared by the Commissioners of Inland Fisheries and
35 Game in accordance with the provisions of this section.

Whoever takes any beaver in violation of any of the pro-
37 visions of this section shall be subject to a penalty of twen-
38 ty-five dollars and costs for each beaver taken, caught or
39 killed in violation of any provision of this section. It shall
40 also be unlawful, under the same penalty, for any person to
41 have in possession at any time, any beaver, or part thereof,
42 taken in violation of any provision of this section.'