

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 303

House of Representatives, Feb. 14, 1917.

Referred to Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries and five hundred copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Largay of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to amend Section seventy-three of Chapter forty-five of the Revised Statutes, relating to salmon, shad, alewife and bass fishing.

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

Section seventy-three of Chapter forty-five of the Revised
2 Statutes is hereby amended by striking out the words "Ken-
3 nebec, Androscoggin or Penobscot" in the eighteenth line
4 and inserting in place thereof the words 'Kennebec or An-
5 droscoggin,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as
6 follows:

'Sect. 73. Between the first day of April and the fifteenth
2 day of July there shall be a weekly close time of forty-eight
3 hours from sunrise on each Saturday morning to sunrise on
4 the following Monday morning, during which no salmon,
5 shad, alewives or bass, shall be taken. During the weekly
6 close time all seines, nets and other movable apparatus shall
7 be removed from the water. Every weir shall have, in that
8 part where the fish are usually taken, an opening three feet
9 wide, extending from the bottom to the top of the weir, and
10 the netting or other material which closes the same while
11 fishing, shall be taken out, carried on shore and there remain
12 during the weekly close time, to the intent that during said
13 close time the fish may have a free and unobstructed passage
14 through such weir or other structure, and no contrivance
15 which tends to hinder such fish shall be placed in any part
16 thereof. If the enclosure where the fish are taken is fur-
17 nished with a board floor, an opening extending from the
18 floor to the top of the weir is equivalent to one extending
19 from the bottom to the top. The penalty for the violation of
20 this section is twenty dollars for each offense. This section
21 does not apply to the Kennebec or Androscoggin rivers or
22 their tributaries, or to the Saint Croix river below the break-
23 water at the ledge. Provided, however, that the weekly close
24 time on the Damariscotta river below the bridge at Damaris-
25 cotta shall be from sunset on each Saturday night to twelve
26 o'clock on the following Sunday night.'