

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 51

In Senate, Jan. 26, 1917.

Referred to Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game and one thousand copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

Presented by Mr. Conant of Waldo.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to amend Section twenty-six of Chapter thirty-three of the Revised Statutes (1916) relating to the taking of smelts, minnows, white fish and cusk.

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

Section 1. Section 26 of Chapter 33 of the Revised Statutes of 1916 is hereby amended by striking out all of said section and by substituting therefor the following section:

'Sect. 26. It shall be lawful, however, to take smelts in all the inland waters of the state above tidewaters with a dip-

3 net in the usual and ordinary way, and to catch them through
4 the ice in the day time with single hook and line at any time
5 in waters open to ice fishing, but they shall not be taken for
6 sale or sold at any time except for bait for fishing in this
7 state; provided, however, that it shall be lawful to take
8 smelts at any time for sale, within the state only, in any of
9 the tributaries to Sebago Lake, with a dip-net in the usual
10 and ordinary way, and in Sebago Lake, with single hook and
11 line, during January, February and March of each year;
12 provided, further, that it shall be unlawful to take smelts at
13 any time with a dip-net in Swan Lake, in the county of
14 Waldo, or in any of the tributaries to said lake; provided,
15 further, that it shall be lawful to take minnows and other
16 fish usually used for bait in fishing and to sell the same for
17 bait for fishing only in this state; and provided, further, that
18 it shall be lawful to catch white fish and cusk in open water
19 with single hook and line at any time, and with five set lines
20 when fishing through the ice; and provided, further, that it
21 shall be lawful to take suckers with spears during April and
22 May of each year. Whoever violates any provision of this
23 section shall pay a fine of thirty dollars and costs for each
24 offense.'