

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE**

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**HOUSE**

**NO. 354**

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House of Representatives, March 18, 1921.

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CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND  
NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-ONE**

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AN ACT to Amend Section Eighteen of Chapter Two Hundred and Nineteen of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen, as Amended by Chapter One Hundred and Ninety-six of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Nineteen, Relating to the Protection of Fish.

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

Section eighteen of chapter two hundred and nineteen of  
2 the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen, as  
3 amended by chapter one hundred and ninety-six of the pub-  
4 lic laws of nineteen hundred and nineteen, is hereby amend-  
5 ed by striking out all of said section and by substituting  
6 therefor the following section:

'Sect. 18. Except as hereinafter provided, there shall be

2 an annual closed season on salmon, landlocked salmon, trout,  
3 togue, white perch and black bass, in all the lakes and ponds  
4 of the state, as follows:

On salmon, landlocked salmon, trout and togue, from the  
2 thirtieth day of September until the ice is out of the lake  
3 or pond fished in the following spring; on white perch and  
4 black bass from the thirtieth day of September until the  
5 twentieth day of June following; provided, however, that  
6 it shall be lawful to take black bass, with unbaited artificial  
7 flies only, from the time the ice is out of the lake or pond  
8 fished in the spring until the twentieth day of June follow-  
9 ing; provided, further, that any person who catches a white  
10 perch, (or a black bass except in Great, Long, East, North,  
11 Ellis, McGraw, or Snow pond, said ponds being part of the  
12 Belgrade Chain of Lakes, so-called, in Kennebec and Som-  
13 erset counties, or in Lake Kezar or Upper Kezar pond, so-  
14 called, or in Lake Pennessewassee, in the county of Ox-  
15 ford) while lawfully trolling, in good faith, for landlocked  
16 salmon, trout, or togue, during closed season on white perch  
17 and black bass may lawfully keep the same, but no person  
18 shall in any one day keep more than six white perch and  
19 two black bass so caught; provided, further, that no party  
20 or the occupants of any one boat, canoe, raft or other vessel  
21 or conveyance shall keep more than six white perch and  
22 four black bass so caught in any one day; provided, fur-  
23 ther, that in Sebago lake and Long pond, in Cumberland  
24 county, the annual closed season on landlocked salmon, trout

25 and black bass shall be from the first day of October to  
26 the thirty-first day of March of the following year, both  
27 days inclusive; and in Moosehead lake, in Piscataquis coun-  
28 ty, the annual closed season on landlocked salmon, trout and  
29 togue, shall be from the first day of October to the thirtieth  
30 day of April of the following year, both days inclusive; and  
31 in Thompson pond, situated in Androscoggin, Cumberland  
32 and Oxford counties, the annual closed season on landlocked  
33 salmon, trout and togue shall be from September first to  
34 January first of the following year; and in Lower Kezar  
35 pond, in Oxford and Cumberland counties, and in Upper  
36 Kezar pond, in Oxford county, the annual closed season on  
37 black bass shall be from the first day of December to the  
38 twentieth day of June of the following year, and on trout  
39 and landlocked salmon from the first day of October to the  
40 thirty-first day of March of the following year, both days  
41 inclusive. In the brooks, streams and rivers of the state,  
42 above tide-waters, the annual closed season on trout, salmon  
43 and landlocked salmon shall be from September fifteenth to  
44 the time the ice is out of the brook, stream or river fished in  
45 the following spring, and on black bass and white perch from  
46 September fifteenth until June twentieth of the following  
47 year, except in Moose river, between Brassua lake and  
48 Moosehead lake, it shall be unlawful to fish in the spring  
49 until May first, and it shall be lawful to take landlocked  
50 salmon and trout in the ordinary way of casting with artifi-  
51 cial flies, from September fifteenth to September thirtieth,

52 both days inclusive, in said portion of Moose river, and ex-  
53 cept in the county of Waldo, the annual closed season in the  
54 brooks and streams on landlocked salmon, trout and togue,  
55 shall be from July fifteenth to the time the ice is out of the  
56 brook or stream fished in the following spring. Provided,  
57 however, that during February, March and April, in the  
58 counties of Aroostook, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Somerset,  
59 Washington and Hancock, and during February and March  
60 in the counties of Androscoggin, Kennebec, York, Sagada-  
61 hoc, Knox, Lincoln, Waldo, Cumberland, Oxford and Frank-  
62 lin, citizens of the state may fish for and take landlocked  
63 salmon, trout, togue, white perch and black bass in waters  
64 open to ice fishing with not more than five set lines to each  
65 family when fishing through the ice in the day time and  
66 when under the immediate personal supervision of the per-  
67 son fishing and may convey them to their own homes for  
68 consumption therein but not otherwise.

Provided, further, that it shall be unlawful to fish through  
2 the ice at any time for any other species of fish except as  
3 hereinafter provided:

Pickerel may be taken at any time through the ice in  
2 waters open to ice fishing for landlocked salmon, trout,  
3 togue, white perch and black bass, with not more than five  
4 set lines to each family, or with not more than five set lines  
5 to each person during the months of November and De-  
6 cember, when fishing through the ice in the day time and  
7 when under the immediate personal supervision of the per-  
8 son fishing.'