

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 90

House of Representatives, Feb. 13, 1923.

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

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Fickett of Naples.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Amend Section Twenty-six of Chapter Two Hundred and Nineteen of the Public Laws of 1917, as Amended by Chapter Two Hundred and Forty-four of the Public Laws of 1917, and Chapter One Hundred and Ninety-six of the Public Laws of 1919 and Chapter Two Hundred and Eighteen of the Public Laws of 1921, Relating to the Taking of Smelts in the Tributaries to Sebago Lake.

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

Section twenty-six of chapter two hundred and nineteen
2 of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen, as
3 amended by chapter two hundred and forty-four of the
4 public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen, and chapter

5 one hundred and ninety-six of the public laws of nineteen
6 hundred and nineteen and chapter two hundred and eighteen
7 of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-one, is
8 hereby amended by inserting after the word "same" in the
9 eleventh line of said section, the words 'except smelts not
10 exceeding six inches in length taken with dip nets in the
11 tributaries to Sebago Lake may be sold for consumption as
12 food within this state,' so that said section, as amended,
13 shall read as follows:

'Sect. 26. It shall be lawful, however, to take smelts in
2 all the inland waters of the state above tide waters with
3 a dip net in the usual and ordinary way, and to catch them
4 through the ice in the day time with single hook and line
5 at any time in waters open to ice fishing, but they shall not
6 be taken for sale or sold at any time except for bait for
7 fishing in this state; provided, however, that it shall be
8 lawful to take smelts, with single hook and line, in the day
9 time, in Sebago Lake for sale within or without the state,
10 during January, February and March of each year, but
11 they shall not be taken with a dip net in the tributaries to
12 Sebago Lake except for consumption as food in the family
13 of the person taking the same, except smelts not exceeding
14 six inches in length taken with dip nets in the tributaries to
15 Sebago Lake may be sold for consumption as food within
16 this state; and provided, further, that it shall be unlawful
17 to take smelts at any time in Swan Lake, or in any of the
18 tributaries to said lake, in the county of Waldo, in any

19 manner except with single hook and line. Provided,
20 further, that it shall be lawful to take minnows and other
21 fish usually used for bait in fishing in all the inland waters
22 of the state, and to sell the same for bait for fishing only in
23 this state; and provided, further, that it shall be lawful to
24 catch white fish with single hook and line at any time, in
25 all the inland waters of the state, but they shall not be
26 taken at night with set lines; and provided, further, that
27 white fish and cusk may be taken, by means of nets, for
28 food purposes only in the family of the person taking the
29 same, in such waters as the commissioner of inland fisheries
30 and game may deem advisable, and under such conditions,
31 rules and regulations as he may establish; and provided,
32 further, that it shall be lawful to catch cusk at any time
33 in waters open to ice fishing with not more than five set
34 lines to each family when fishing through the ice and when
35 under the immediate personal supervision of the person
36 fishing; and provided, further, that it shall be lawful to
37 take suckers with spears, in all the inland waters of the
38 state, during April and May of each year. Whoever vio-
39 lates any provision of this section shall pay a fine of thirty
40 dollars and costs for each offense.'