## MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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## EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

SENATE NO. 65

In Senate, Feb. 8, 1923.

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

L. ERNEST THORNTON, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Speirs of Cumberland.

## 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 Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen, as Amended by Chapter Two Hundred and Forty-four, 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 and as Amended by Chapter Two Hundred and Eighteen, of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-one, Relating to the Dipping of Smelts at Songo Lock, in the Town of Naples, County of Cumberland.

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

Section twenty-six of chapter two hundred and nineteen of 2 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, as amended 5 by chapter one hundred and ninety-six of the public laws 6 of nineteen hundred and nineteen, and as amended by 7 chapter two hundred and eighteen of the public laws of 8 nineteen hundred and twenty-one, is hereby amended by 9 inserting after the word "same" in the eleventh line of said 10 section the words 'provided, further, that it shall be unlawful 11 for any person at any time to dip any smelts within two 12 hundred feet of Songo Lock, in the town of Naples,' so 13 that said section, as amended, 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; provided, further, that it 14 shall be unlawful for any person at any time to dip any

15 smelts within two hundred feet of Songo Lock, in the town 16 of Naples; 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, further, 20 that it shall be lawful to take minnows and other fish 21 usually used for bait in fishing, in all the inland waters of 22 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 in 33 waters open to ice fishing with not more than five set lines 34 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 violates 39 any provision of this section shall pay a fine of thirty dollars 40 and costs for each offense.'