

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

H. P. No. 193

H. D. No. 35

House of Representatives, Jan. 29, 1925.

Referred to Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game and
500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for Concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Flint of Monson.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Relating to the Taking of Smelts, Suckers, Bait Fish,
White Fish and Cusk.

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 by
5 chapter one hundred and ninety-six of the public laws of
6 nineteen hundred and nineteen, and by chapter two hundred
7 and eighteen of the public laws of nineteen hundred and
8 twenty-one, and by chapter one hundred and thirty-two of
9 the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-three, is

10 hereby amended by striking out all of said section and by
11 substituting therefor the following section:

‘Sect. 26. It shall be lawful, however, to take smelts in
2 all the inland waters of the state above tide waters with a
3 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 law-
8 ful 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
13 family of the person taking the same, EXCEPT smelts not
14 exceeding six inches in length taken with dip nets in the
15 tributaries to Sebago lake may be sold for consumption as
16 food within this state; and provided, further, that it shall
17 be unlawful to take smelts at any time in Swan lake, or
18 in any of the tributaries to said lake, in the county of Waldo
19 in any manne: EXCEPT with single hook and line; and
20 provided, further, that it shall be unlawful to take any
21 smelts at any time during the spawning season from either
22 of the three tributaries flowing into the head of Bryant
23 pond, or Lake Christopher, so-called, in the town of Wood-
24 stock, in the county of Oxford. Provided, further, that it
25 shall be lawful to take minnows and other fish usually used

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