

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

H. P. No. 1192

H. D. No. 417

House of Representatives, March 18, 1925.

Reported by Mr. Stone from Committee on Inland Fisheries
and Game and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

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 1. Section twenty-six of chapter two hundred
2 and nineteen of the public laws of nineteen hundred and
3 seventeen, as amended by chapter two hundred and forty-
4 four of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen,
5 and by chapter one hundred and ninety-six of the public
6 laws of nineteen hundred and nineteen and by chapter two
7 hundred and eighteen of the public laws of nineteen hun-
8 dred and twenty-one and by chapters thirty-two and one
9 hundred and thirty-two of the public laws of nineteen hun-

10 dred and twenty-three, is hereby amended by striking out
11 all of said section and by substituting therefor the follow-
12 ing 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
6 not be taken for sale, or sold at any time, except for bait
7 for fishing in this state.

Provided, however, that it shall be lawful to take smelts,
2 with single hook and line, in the day time, in Sebago Lake,
3 for sale within or without the state, during January, Feb-
4 ruary and March of each year, but they shall not be taken
5 with a dip net in any of the tributaries to Sebago Lake
6 except smelts not exceeding six inches in length may be
7 taken with a dip net in any of said tributaries and may
8 be sold only for bait for fishing within this state; and
9 provided, further, that no family shall take, in any one
10 day, more than one peck of said smelts by means of a dip
11 net in said waters; and provided, further, that it shall be
12 unlawful to take smelts at any time in Swan Lake, or in
13 any of the tributaries to said lake, in the county of Waldo,
14 in any manner EXCEPT with single hook and line; and
15 provided, further, that it shall be unlawful to take any
16 smelts at any time during the spawning season from either
17 of the three tributaries flowing into the head of Bryant

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

Sect. 2. So much of chapter one hundred and thirty-two
2 of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-three as
3 is inconsistent with the provisions of this act is hereby re-
4 pealed.