

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 272

H. P. 928 House of Representatives, Feb. 24, 1927.

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

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Stone of Bridgton.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Relating to Smelts.

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

Section twenty-six of chapter two hundred nineteen of the
2 public laws of nineteen hundred seventeen, as amended by
3 chapter two hundred forty-four of the public laws of nine-
4 teen hundred seventeen, as amended by chapter one hundred
5 ninety-six of the public laws of nineteen hundred nineteen,
6 as amended by chapter two hundred eighteen of the public
7 laws of nineteen hundred twenty-one, as amended by chap-
8 ters thirty-two and one hundred thirty-two of the public
9 laws of nineteen hundred twenty-three and as amended by
10 chapter eighty-six of the public laws of nineteen hundred
11 twenty-five, is hereby further amended by striking out in

12 the tenth to the fourteenth lines thereof after the word
13 "except," the following: "smelts not exceeding six inches
14 in length may be taken with a dip net in any of said tribu-
15 taries and may be sold only for bait for fishing within this
16 state; and provided," and by inserting in place thereof the
17 following, 'for food purposes and to be sold for fishing
18 within this state,' so that said section as amended shall read
19 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 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 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 ex-
6 cept for food purposes and to be sold for fishing within
7 this state; and provided, further, that no family shall take,
8 in any one day, more than one peck of said smelts by means
9 of a dip net in said waters; and provided, further, that it
10 shall be unlawful to take smelts at any time in Swan lake,
11 or in any of the tributaries to said lake, in the county of
12 Waldo, in any manner EXCEPT with single hook and line;

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