

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Reported by Mr. Boynton from Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries 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-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to the Use of Seines, Weirs, Nets and
Artificial Flies.

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

Section sixty-eight of chapter forty-five of the revised
2 statutes, is hereby amended by striking out in the twenty-
3 seventh line thereof the words "or nets," so that said sec-
4 tion as amended shall read as follows :

'Sect. 68. No person shall use any purse or drag seines
2 in the following waters : In Casco bay north of a line drawn
3 easterly from Prince's point in the town of Yarmouth to
4 Bear Island in the town of Phippsburg, excepting for smelts,
5 bluebacks and spurling ; in Kennebec river above a line
6 drawn across said river from Fort Popham in the town
7 of Phippsburg to a point opposite at the lower end of Long

8 island in the town of Georgetown; in Sheepscot river above
9 a bridge leading from Wiscasset to Edgecomb; in Dama-
10 riscotta river above a line drawn from Farnham's head in
11 the town of Boothbay to a point opposite on the shore in
12 the town of Bristol, excepting the use of drag seines be-
13 tween the above line and The Ledges, for all fish except-
14 ing alewives; in Medomak river, above a line drawn from
15 Martin's point in the town of Friendship, westerly by the
16 northeast end of Hog island to a point opposite in the town
17 of Bremen, or take smelts in said river and its tributaries
18 in any other way than by hook and line; in Georges river,
19 above a line drawn from Hooper's point in the town of St.
20 George, westerly past the northerly end of Caldwell's island
21 to a point opposite on the shore in the town of Cushing,
22 or take smelts in said river and its tributaries in any other
23 way than by hook and line, or dip-nets, and no individual
24 shall take more than one-half bushel of smelts within a
25 period of twenty-four hours with dip-net; in all bays, in-
26 lets, rivers and harbors east of the west shore of the Penob-
27 scot bay and river where any entrance to the same or any
28 part thereof from mainland to mainland is not more than
29 three nautical miles in width, but purse and drag seines may
30 be used for the purpose of taking smelts in these waters,
31 except in Bluehill bay. The taking of herring, or fishing
32 therefor, by the use of purse or drag seines and all other
33 seines, except the use of seines in weirs, from the first day
34 of June to the first day of November in the waters of
35 Machias bay and its approaches inside of or to the north-

36 ward of a direct line drawn straight from the highest sum-
37 mit of the island called The Brothers, easterly to a point
38 one-half mile distant and due south from Libby island light-
39 house, thence from said point easterly to the southerly ex-
40 tremity of the southern island called Double Head Shots, is
41 hereby prohibited. The use of purse or drag seines within
42 a distance of one-half of a nautical mile from any fish weir
43 in any of the waters of the state east of White Head on
44 the west shore of Penobscot river is hereby prohibited;
45 but such seines may be used for the taking of smelts and
46 for the purpose of taking fish in weirs, but shall not be used
47 in any water in which their use is prohibited by special or
48 general law. Whoever violates any provision of this sec-
49 tion shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding five hundred
50 dollars for each offense, to be recovered by complaint, in-
51 dictment or action of debt.'