

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Reported by Mr. Ford from Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Ford of Brooklin.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to Extend the Open Time for Smelt Fishing in the Tide Waters of the Towns of Stonington and Deer Isle in the County of Hancock.

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

*Open time for smelt fishing in tidal waters of the towns 2 of Stonington and Deer Isle, established. There is hereby 3 created an open time in which it shall be lawful to fish 4 for and take smelts from the tide waters within the limits 5 of the towns of Stonington and Deer Isle, in the county 6 of Hancock, between the first day of October and the 7 fifteenth day of April. Any fish so taken from said waters*

8 may be offered for sale and sold within the state or shipped  
9 to such places out of the state as the owner may designate.

#### EMERGENCY PREAMBLE

Whereas the fishing for and taking of smelts from the tidal waters of our state is an important industry, and the nature of the undertaking requiring constant effort by the fishermen throughout the fall and winter months without profitable catch until early spring, and only too often so near the first day of April as to terminate the undertaking at a time when a few additional days, and as enjoyed by the fishermen in many other sections, would make profitable the season's efforts, and whereas the aforesaid enactment taking effect in regular course would lose to the fishermen of the vicinity designated a sufficient and profitable catch for the current year and work a great hardship to a considerable number of citizens and lose to the state the product of the sea and the results therefrom.

Whereas the foregoing facts constitute an emergency within the meaning of the constitution of this state; now, therefore

In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.