

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Senate Document

No. 129

S. P. 283.

In Senate, Feb. 6, 1929.

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

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Oakes of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Prohibit the Taking of Large Smelts with a Dip-
net in any of the Tributaries to Sebago Lake.

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

Section twenty-six of chapter one hundred forty of the
2 public laws of nineteen hundred twenty-seven relating to
3 smelts taken in Sebago lake with a dip-net for food pur-
4 poses; permit from commissioner of inland fisheries and
5 game to be obtained; penalty increased, is hereby amended
6 by inserting after the word "but" in the third line of para-
7 graph two of said section the words 'no large smelts shall
8 be taken with a dip-net in any of the tributaries to Sebago

9 lake at any time,' and by striking out the word "they" in
10 the third line of said paragraph two, and inserting in place
11 thereof the words 'and small smelts,' so that said section,
12 as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 26. Smelts may be taken in Sebago lake with a
2 dip-net for food purposes; permit from commissioner of in-
3 land fisheries and game to be obtained; penalty increased.
4 It shall be lawful, however, to take smelts in all the inland
5 waters of the state above tide waters with a dip-net in the
6 usual and ordinary way, and to catch them through the ice
7 in the day time with single hook and line, at any time, in
8 waters open to ice fishing, but they shall not be taken for
9 sale, or sold at any time, except for bait for fishing in this
10 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 the state, during January, February and
4 March of each year, but no large smelts shall be taken with
5 a dip-net in any of the tributaries to Sebago lake, at any
6 time, and small smelts shall not be taken with a dip-net in
7 any of the tributaries to Sebago lake except for food pur-
8 poses in the family of the person taking the same or to be
9 sold only for bait for fishing within this state; and provided,
10 further, that no family shall take or have in possession in
11 any one day, more than one peck of said smelts by means
12 of a dip-net in said waters, and then only under permit
13 issued by the department of inland fisheries and game on

14 application duly approved by an inland fish and game war-
15 den or deputy inland fish and game warden; and provided,
16 further, that it shall be unlawful to take smelts at any time
17 in Swan lake, or in any of the tributaries to said lake, in
18 the county of Waldo, in any manner except with single hook
19 and line; and provided, further, that it shall be unlawful
20 to take any smelts at any time during the spawning season
21 from either of the three tributaries flowing into the head of
22 Bryant pond, or Lake Christopher, so called, in the town of
23 Woodstock, in the county of Oxford. Provided, further,
24 that it shall be lawful to take minnows and other fish usually
25 used for bait for fishing, in all the inland waters of the
26 state, and to sell the same for bait for fishing only in this
27 state; and provided, further, that it shall be lawful to catch
28 white fish with single hook and line at any time, in all the
29 inland waters of the state, but they shall not be taken at
30 night with set lines; and provided, further, that white fish
31 and cusk may be taken, by means of nets, for food purposes
32 only in the family of the person taking the same, in such
33 waters as the commissioner of inland fisheries and game
34 may deem advisable, and under such conditions, rules and
35 regulations as he may establish; and provided, further, that
36 it shall be lawful to catch cusk at any time in waters open
37 to ice fishing with not more than five set lines to each
38 family when fishing through the ice and when under the
39 immediate personal supervision of the person fishing; and
40 provided, further, that it shall be lawful to take suckers

41 with spears, in all the inland waters of the state, during
42 April and May of each year. Provided, further, that the
43 commissioner of inland fisheries and game may grant
44 special permits to take white perch in the inland waters of
45 the state for the purpose of science, propagation or dis-
46 semination or for the purpose of ridding any inland waters
47 of white perch, whenever, after investigation, he deems it
48 advisable. Whoever violates any provision of this section
49 shall pay a fine of fifty dollars and costs for each offense.'