

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Senate Document

No. 243

S. P. 574

In Senate, Feb. 27, 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 Minott of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Relating to the Regulation of the Taking of Smelts
in Sebago Lake and Its Tributaries.

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

Section twenty-six of chapter two hundred and nineteen,
2 public laws of nineteen hundred seventeen as amended is
3 hereby further amended by striking out all of said section
4 as amended and inserting in its place the following:

'Section 1. It shall be lawful, however, to take smelts in
2 all the inland waters of the state above tide waters with
3 a 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 the state during January, February and
4 March of each year.

Provided, further, that it shall be lawful to take not ex-
2 ceeding twenty-five smelts per person in any one day with
3 single hook and line in the day time in Sebago lake from
4 April first to December thirty-first of each year.

Provided, further, that it shall be unlawful to take smelts
2 with a dip-net in Sebago lake or its tributaries at any time,
3 except that smelts under six inches in length, to be kept
4 alive for bait purposes, may be taken in the Nason brook
5 so called at North Sebago and in that part of Crooked river
6 in the towns of Naples and Casco, from its junction with
7 Songo river up to the bridge on the Theodore Roosevelt
8 highway.

Provided, further, that it shall be unlawful to take smelts
2 at any time in Swan lake, or in any of the tributaries to
3 said lake, in the county of Waldo, in any manner except
4 with single hook and line; and provided, further, that it
5 shall be unlawful to take any smelts at any time during the
6 spawning season from either of the three tributaries flow-
7 ing into the head of Bryant pond, or Lake Christopher,
8 so called, in the town of Woodstock, in the county of Ox-
9 ford. Provided, further, that it shall be lawful to take

10 minnows and other fish usually used for bait for fishing,
11 in all the inland waters of the state, and to sell the same
12 for bait for fishing only in this state; and provided, fur-
13 ther, that it shall be lawful to catch white fish with single
14 hook and line at any time, in all the inland waters of the
15 state, but they shall not be taken at night with set lines;
16 and provided, further, that white fish and cusk may be
17 taken, by means of nets, for food purposes only in the fam-
18 ily of person taking same, in such waters as the commis-
19 sioner of inland fisheries and game may deem advisable,
20 and under such conditions, rules and regulations as he may
21 establish; and provided, further, that it shall be lawful to
22 catch cusk at any time in waters open to ice fishing with
23 not more than five set lines to each family when fishing
24 through the ice and when under the immediate personal
25 supervision of the person fishing; and provided, further,
26 that it shall be lawful to take suckers with spears, in all
27 the inland waters of the state during April and May of
28 each year.'