

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Senate Document

No. 304

S. P. 632

In Senate, March 1, 1929.

Referred to Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Littlefield of York.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Relating to the Powers and Duties of the Commissioners of Sea and Shore Fisheries.

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

Section three of chapter two hundred ninety-three of the
2 public laws of nineteen hundred seventeen is hereby amend-
3 ed by striking out, beginning in the seventeenth line there-
4 of, the following words: "and may declare a close time on
5 such varieties and in such localities as they may determine,"
6 and in the nineteenth line, the following words: "and such
7 close time declared," and in the twenty-first line thereof the
8 words: "and close time so declared," and substituting for
9 the language so stricken out, the following words: 'no close

10 time shall be declared except by act of the legislature,' so
11 that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'The governor, with the advice and consent of the council
2 shall, upon the taking effect of this act, appoint a com-
3 mission of three persons to be known as the sea and shore
4 fisheries commission, who shall have general supervision
5 over the sea and shore fisheries and shell-fish regulated by
6 chapter forty-five of the revised statutes.

Each commissioner, except as hereinafter provided, shall
2 hold office for a term of three years, unless sooner removed.
3 Two of said commissioners shall belong to the political
4 party casting the largest number of votes for governor at
5 the last preceding election and one from the political party
6 casting the second largest vote for governor at the same
7 election. They shall exercise supervision over all the fish-
8 eries and their products taken from the tide-waters within
9 the state, and including the proper enforcement of all laws
10 relating to the catching, packing, curing, manufacturing,
11 selling, branding and transportation of all kinds of pickled,
12 salt, smoked, fresh, canned or frozen shell or other fish.
13 They shall have authority to make rules and regulations
14 governing the time, manner and conditions of taking fish,
15 shell-fish and lobsters, but shall not declare a close time
16 except by act of the legislature; and such rules and regu-
17 lations shall be made only after hearing, reasonable notice
18 of which shall have been given by publication or otherwise,
19 to all parties interested. Rules and regulations so made

20 shall be held to take precedence over any then existing pro-
21 visions of statute inconsistent therewith.'