

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 723

H. P. 559 House of Representatives, Feb. 18, 1931.

On motion of Mr. Smith of Bangor, taken from the table and on further motion same gentleman referred to the Committees on Inland Fisheries and Game and Sea and Shore Fisheries, jointly, and 1,000 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Smith of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to regulate Salmon fishing on the Penobscot River.

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

Section 1. No salmon shall be taken from that part of the Penobscot River, or any of its tributaries, located within the limits of the County of Penobscot at any time by use of seines, gill nets, weirs and other similar apparatus. Provided, however, it shall be lawful from April 1st to September 15th each year to fish for and take salmon from the Penobscot River within said limits by the ordinary manner of angling with rod and single line. The penalty for violation of this section is not more than Fifty Dollars nor less than Ten Dollars, and a further penalty of Ten Dollars for each salmon so taken or killed.

Sec. 2. From the first day of August to the first day of April following, there shall be a close time for salmon in that part of the Penobscot River and its tributaries south of the south line of Penobscot County during which time, within said limits, no salmon shall be taken or killed in any manner, under a penalty of not more than Fifty Dollars nor less than Ten Dollars, and a further penalty of Ten Dollars for each salmon so taken or killed.

Sec. 3. Weekly close time on salmon in the Penobscot River and its tributaries south of the south line of Penobscot County. Between the first day of April and the first day of August each year there shall be a weekly close time of forty-eight hours from sunrise on each Saturday morning to sunrise on Monday morning, during which no salmon shall be taken from that part of the Penobscot River and its tributaries south of the south line of Penobscot County. During the weekly close of time all seines, nets and other movable apparatus shall be removed from the water. Every weir shall have, in that part where the fish are usually taken, an opening three feet wide, extending from the bottom to the top of the weir, and the netting or other material which closes the same while fishing, shall be taken out, carried on shore and there remain during the weekly close time, to the intent that during said close time the fish may have a free and unobstructed passage through such weir or other structure, and no contrivance which tends to hinder such fish shall be placed in any part thereof. If the enclosure where the fish are taken is furnished with a board floor, an opening extending from the floor to the top of the weir is equivalent to one extending from the bottom to the top. The penalty for the violation of this section is Twenty Dollars for each offense.