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EIGHTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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S. P. 593

In Senate, March 25, 1931.

Reported by Senator Southard of Kennebec from Committee on Legal Affairs and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Relative to the Powers of the Commissioner of
Inland Fisheries and Game.

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

Section 1. Full and exclusive power to make all necessary special rules and regulations relative to the protection and conservation of fish in the inland waters of the various counties of the state and to establish and regulate game sanctuaries is hereby conferred on the commissioner of inland fisheries and game with the advice and consent of the advisory council.

Sec. 2. The commissioner, whenever he shall deem it for the best interests of the state, after due notice and public hearing in the county to be affected, may with the advice and consent of the advisory council, regulate the times and places in which, and number and size of the fish to be taken, and the manner in which inland fish may be taken, which regulation shall be effective until changed by said commissioner with the advice and consent of the advisory council, or by the legislature; and in the same manner may establish and regulate game sanctuaries. But no rules and regulations shall be made inconsistent with the general laws of the state. Said commissioner may, with the advice and consent of said council, from time to time, modify or repeal such rules and regulations as he may deem necessary or proper for the protection and preservation of the

inland fish of the state. Said commissioner shall file in the offices of the clerks of the towns in the locality affected, a copy of the rules and regulations made as aforesaid, and publish the same three weeks successively in a newspaper published or printed in the county, or if no paper is so published, then in the state paper and, if practicable, post on the banks of the waters to be affected, as nearly as may be, like notices; and whenever any such rules or regulations apply to any unorganized township a like copy shall be filed with the clerk of courts for that county; said commissioner shall, immediately upon the adoption of any such rules and regulations contemplated by this section, file an attested copy of the same in the office of the secretary of state.