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Reported by Mr. Angell and 7 others from Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND THIRTY-THREE

AN ACT Relative to Ice Fishing in the Inland Waters.

Emergency Preamble. Whereas, the inhabitants of the State of Maine are seriously affected by the financial depression and are in destitute circumstances, and

Whereas, if the inhabitants of the State of Maine could fish in the inland waters they could obtain food and thus relieve the danger of starvation, and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature these facts create an emergency within the meaning of Section 16 of Article 31 of the constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, now therefore,

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 38, § 21, ¶ 1, amended. Section 21 of chapter 38 of the revised statutes as amended is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

All pools connected with state fish hatcheries and feeding stations shall be closed to all fishing at all times. There shall be a closed season on all fish of every kind in all waters of the state from the time said waters are closed to fishing for game fish in the fall until the time said waters are open to fishing for game fish in the spring. Except as provided by special

law or rules and regulations of the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game and except that there shall be an open season on all kinds of fish in all the lakes and ponds in the counties of Aroostook, Hancock, Penobscot, Franklin, Piscataquis, Somerset and Washington from December 1st to March 15th, both days inclusive; and from December 1st to the last day of February, both days inclusive, in the counties of Androscoggin, Cumberland, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, Oxford, Waldo, Sagadahoc and York; and in the rivers as follows: the Androscoggin River below the New Hampshire line, in the Penobscot River up to Millinocket, in the Kennebec River up to Madison and in all of the Sebec, St. Croix and Presumpscot Rivers.

The Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game is hereby authorized, with the advice and consent of the Advisory Council to issue rules and regulations, opening or closing, any waters to fishing for any kind of fish during such time and under such conditions as may be deemed in the best interest of the stocking plan of the department of Inland Fisheries and Game. This act shall not be construed to repeal any of the provisions of Section 4, 4A and 4B of Chapter 38 of the Revised Statutes as amended, but shall be in addition thereto.

Emergency Clause. In view of the emergency stated in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.