

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Whitney of Bangor.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
THIRTY-SEVEN

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**RESOLVE, Limiting Weir Fishing for Salmon in Penobscot River.**

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, salmon fishing is of great and vital importance in the state, and

Whereas, the number of Atlantic salmon coming into the Penobscot river is steadily diminishing owing to the manner of taking the same, and

Whereas, in order to prevent depletion and the loss of this valuable fish from these waters, legislation prohibiting the use of weirs in certain portions of the Penobscot river is immediately necessary, and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature, these facts create an emergency, within the meaning of section 16 of Article XXXI of the constitution, and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now therefore, be it,

**Taking of salmon from Penobscot river, regulated. Resolved:** That the commissioner of sea and shore fisheries, be and hereby is, directed to issue a rule and regulation, prohibiting the killing or taking of salmon from the tidal waters of the Penobscot river, or from the tidal waters of

its tributaries at any time by the use of weirs, traps or other similar apparatus nearer the source of said Penobscot river than where the line between the towns of Winterport and Hampden and that line extended crosses said river, under a penalty of not less than \$10 nor more than \$50, and a further penalty of \$10 for each salmon so taken or killed.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency recited in the preamble this rule and regulation shall be promulgated immediately.