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House of Representatives, February 26, 1937.

Reported by Mr. Richardson from Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries and laid on table to be printed under Joint Rules.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-SEVEN

RESOLVE, Relating to Fishing for Ground Fish in Sheepscot Bay.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the preservation and propagation of ground fish in the tidal and coastal waters of the state are necessary to the successful continuance of our sea and shore fisheries; and

Whereas, for the protection of such fish, it is of the greatest importance that certain well known feeding grounds for such fish should be kept free from the catching of same and that all such fishing therein should be prohibited so that no opportunity may be given for the taking of such fish so spawning at that time in certain waters of the state; and

Whereas, the taking of such fish works a great loss and damage to the fishing industry of the state and to the welfare of those engaged therein who obtain their livelihood thereby and have large sums of money invested therein; 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 of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now therefore, be it

Fishing for ground fish in Sheepscot Bay, regulated. Resolved: That the commissioner of sea and shore fisheries be, and hereby is, directed to re-

peal the rules and regulations numbered 106 and 107, and to issue the following in place thereof:

(1) It shall be unlawful to fish for or to take except with trawls or by ordinary hook and line, any cod or other ground fish from the waters of Sheepscot Bay that border on the town of Georgetown in the county of Sagadahoc, and the town of Southport in the county of Lincoln, from Griffiths Head in an easterly direction to Mark Island thence in a southerly direction to the Cuckolds thence in a northeasterly direction to Ocean Point.

(2) It shall be unlawful to fish for or to take with beam trawls any fish from the waters subject to the jurisdiction of this state northerly from a line drawn from Cape Small Point to the North End Sequin Island thence in an easterly direction to Pumpkin Island and thence in a northerly direction to Ocean Point.'

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