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S. P. 408

In Senate, February 26, 1947

Transmitted by revisor of statutes pursuant to joint order

Referred to the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries, sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Morrill of Cumberland.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT Creating an Agency to Rehabilitate the Atlantic Sea Run Salmon.**

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

**R. S., c. 34, §§ 47-A, 47-B, additional.** Chapter 34 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto 2 new sections to be numbered 47-A and 47-B, to read as follows:

**'Sec. 47-A. Agency created; compensation; powers and duties; license.** There shall be created a commission to be known as the "Atlantic Sea Run Salmon Commission," which shall consist of 3 persons as follows: the commissioner of inland fisheries and game and the commissioner of sea and shore fisheries as ex officio members and a 3rd member who shall be a citizen of Maine and who shall be appointed by the governor and council for a term of 4 years. The member appointed by the governor and council shall receive \$10 per day and expenses as compensation when engaged in the discharge of his official duties.

Such agency shall have authority to make regulations governing the taking of Atlantic sea run salmon by both sport and commercial fishermen; establish different regulations on different streams and change or amend such regulations in their discretion as conditions may require. Such

agency shall also be entrusted with the responsibility of utilizing the fund appropriated to it and received from salmon licenses for the correction of conditions necessary to improve the run.

A special license to be issued by the commission shall be required for taking, killing or catching Atlantic sea run salmon, the proceeds from the sale of which shall be held by the commission and used for the purposes herein provided. The commission is hereby authorized to fix the fee for such licenses and to make such arrangements for the application for and sale of such licenses as may be necessary. Each such license shall expire on December 31st of the calendar year in which it is issued.

No person shall take, kill or catch any Atlantic sea run salmon in any waters of the state without a license. Any violation of the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$10, nor more than \$30, for each offense.

Sec. 47-B. Appropriation. The sum of \$3,500 is appropriated from the general fund to carry out the purposes of section 47-A. All unexpended balances shall not lapse, but shall remain a continuing carrying account.'