

NINETY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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S. P. 423 In Senate, February 17, 1949. Referred to Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary. Presented by Senator Noyes of Hancock.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FORTY-NINE

AN ACT Relative to Regulating Hunting, Fishing and Trapping on Game Management Areas.

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

R. S., c. 33, § 12-A, additional. Chapter 33 of the revised statutes, as revised, is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 12-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 12-A. Regulating hunting, fishing and trapping on game management areas. The commissioner of inland fisheries and game is hereby authorized to regulate hunting, fishing and trapping on game management areas owned or leased by the state and is authorized to close such areas to hunting, fishing and trapping or to permit the taking of any species which he shall designate for such periods, on such portions of the areas, and under such special regulations as are necessary to insure a desirable effect on game populations and provide for human safety. When game management areas are bordered by tidal flats such authority shall extend to the low water mark on said flats.

This authority shall also apply to lakes, ponds, marshes and sections of streams lying within the boundaries of any such game management area.

Fur bearers may be removed from said game management areas by con-

trolled trapping conducted under the direction of the commissioner in which case the furs shall become the property of the state and the proceeds from their sale shall be used for maintenance of the game management areas.

Regulations may be published and filed in the same manner as rules and regulations pertaining to fishing and each area shall be posted with signs setting forth the regulations in effect thereon.'