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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-NINE

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**AN ACT Creating a Board of Arbitration for Weir Fishing.**

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

R. S., c. 34, §§ 45-A and 45-B, additional. Chapter 34 of the revised statutes, as revised, is hereby amended by adding thereto 2 new sections, to be numbered 45-A and 45-B, to read as follows:

‘Sec. 45-A. Board of arbitration; membership; duties. There is hereby created a board of arbitration to be appointed by the governor and to consist of the following members: a weir fisherman, a seine fisherman and an employee of the department of sea and shore fisheries.

It shall be the duty of the board to:

I. Determine promptly whether any weir is so constructed that it is suitable to profitably catch fish, and if not so suitable, the board is hereby empowered to suspend the license to operate such weir until it is suitable for fishing;

II. Settle promptly all disputes between weir fishermen and seine fishermen that may arise concerning their respective fishing rights.

**Sec. 45-B. Compensation.** The members of the board, except the state employee, shall receive as compensation \$10 per day in the performance of their duties and all members shall receive their necessary expenses. Such compensation and expenses shall be paid from the appropriation of the department of sea and shore fisheries.'