

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 1, 1951.

Referred to Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Stevens of Boothbay.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-ONE

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**RESOLVE, Relating to the Use of Purse or Drag Seines in Certain Waters.**

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**Use of purse or drag seines in certain waters. Resolved:** That the commissioner of sea and shore fisheries be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to issue the following rule and regulation:

**'Use of purse or drag seines in certain waters, prohibited; regulation of fishing therein; penalty.** No person shall use any purse, drag or stop seines in the following waters: In Casco bay north of a line drawn easterly from Prince's point in the town of Yarmouth to Bear island in the town of Phippsburg, excepting for smelts, bluebacks and spurling; in Kennebec river above a line drawn across said river from Fort Popham in the town of Phippsburg to a point opposite at the lower end of Long island in the town of Georgetown; in Sheepscot river above a bridge leading from Wiscasset to Edgcomb; in Damariscotta river above a line drawn from Farnham's head in the town of Boothbay to a point opposite on the shore in the town of Bristol, excepting the use of drag seines between the above line and The Ledges, for all fish excepting alewives; in Georges river, above a line drawn from Hooper's point in the town of St. George, westerly past the northerly end of Caldwell's island to a point opposite on the shore in the town of Cushing, or take smelts in said river and its tributaries in

any other way than by hook and line, or dip-nets, but purse seines and drag seines may be used, from May 15 to December 1 of each year in all bays, inlets, rivers and harbors east of the west shore of the Penobscot bay and river, except in places where private and special laws are to the contrary in which places purse seines, drag seines and stop seines may be used from May 15 to November 15 of each year for the purpose of catching herring. Taking or fishing for by nonresidents of the state of Maine, for commercial purposes, herring within the territorial waters of the state is hereby prohibited. No person whose residence may be questioned shall be permitted to make application unless and until he shall have established to the satisfaction of the commissioner of sea and shore fisheries a continuous bona fide residence in the state of Maine for 5 years next immediately preceding the date of his application. Whoever violates any provision hereof shall be liable to a penalty of not more than \$500 for each offense, to be recovered by complaint, indictment or action of debt.'; and be it further

**Resolves, 1941, c. 125, repealed. Resolved:** That chapter 125 of the resolves of 1941 be, and hereby is, repealed.