

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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In Senate, February 8, 1951.

Referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Ela of Somerset.

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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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AN ACT Relating to Weight of Catch of Certain Fish.

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

**R. S., c. 33, § 37, amended.** Section 37 of chapter 33 of the revised statutes, as revised, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**‘Sec. 37. Size of fish and weight of catch limited; special provisions in various localities.** No person shall take, catch or kill more than 25 fish of the salmon, trout, togue, white perch or black bass species during any one day of any open season, from any or all of the rivers, streams and brooks of the state, and which 25 fish shall not exceed a total weight of  $7\frac{1}{2}$  5 pounds in all, unless the last fish caught increases the combined weight thereof to more than  $7\frac{1}{2}$  5 pounds. No person shall have in his possession at any time:

- I. A salmon or togue less than 14 inches in length;
- II. A trout less than 6 inches in length;
- III. A white perch less than 6 inches in length;
- IV. A black bass less than 10 inches in length.

No person shall take, catch or kill in any one day on any of the lakes or ponds of the state more than 25 fish, nor shall any one person have in his possession at any time more than 25 fish or ~~10~~ 7½ pounds in all of salmon, trout, togue, white perch and black bass, unless one individual fish caught shall weigh more than ~~10~~ 7½ pounds, or unless the last fish caught increases the combined weight thereof to more than ~~10~~ 7½ pounds. Provided, further, that no person shall take, catch, kill or have in possession at any time except as provided for by the rules and regulations of the department :

- I. A salmon or togue less than 14 inches in length ;
- II. A trout less than 7 inches in length ;
- III. A white perch less than 6 inches in length ;
- IV. A black bass less than 10 inches in length.

No person shall take, catch or kill more than 25 fish in any one day of the salmon, trout, togue, white perch or black bass species from the lakes, rivers, streams and brooks in the state, or have in his possession at any one time a number of fish of the foregoing species in excess of 25, or ~~10~~ 7½ pounds, unless one individual fish caught shall weigh more than ~~10~~ 7½ pounds, or unless the last fish caught increases the combined weight thereof to more than ~~10~~ 7½ pounds when a person has taken fish of the foregoing species from the waters designated in this paragraph, or when a person has killed fish from both lake or pond fishing and river and stream fishing during the same day.

In the event any person has fished in 2 or more counties during any one day, he shall not have in his possession more than the maximum number or maximum weight of fish permitted in the county allowing the largest number to be taken under the rules and regulations of the commissioner.

The provisions of this section may be modified or changed by the rules and regulations of the department.