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**Legislative Document**

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S. P. 278

In Senate, February 13, 1951.

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

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Noyes of Hancock.

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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 the Taking of Alewives in the Town of Franklin.**

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

**Taking of alewives in the town of Franklin regulated.** Exclusive rights in the taking of alewives from all waters in the town of Franklin shall be optional with the town.

The town, at its annual town meeting, may determine by vote whether the alewife fishing in these waters shall be operated by the town, through its selectmen or a committee appointed for that purpose, or the privilege offered for sale by said selectmen or committee; and likewise may provide for regulations, compatible with good conservation practices, to govern the times when and the manner in which alewives shall be taken therein. Provided, however, that there shall be a 24-hour weekly closed season on alewives in all such waters from sunrise on each Saturday morning until sunrise on the following Sunday morning.

Whenever such regulations are thus provided for, they shall be promulgated by the selectmen of the town of Franklin and a copy of the same filed immediately with the clerk of said town and the commissioner of sea and shore fisheries.

If in any year said town fails to act as provided for in the preceding paragraph, the taking of alewives in said waters shall be in accordance with the provisions of the general laws of the state and any regulations adopted under authority of this chapter shall be enforced by the municipal officers of the town of Franklin.

If, after thorough investigation, it is the opinion of the commissioner of sea and shore fisheries that the town is not following sound conservation principles in its management of the fishery, said commissioner shall notify the town officials of his findings and they shall take immediate corrective measures to prevent destruction of the fishery.

Whoever violates any provisions of this chapter or any regulations promulgated hereunder shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$10, or by imprisonment for 30 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.