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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 Larrabee of Sagadahoc.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-ONE

**AN ACT Relating to the Taking of Alewives in the New Meadows River
in the Towns of Brunswick and West Bath.**

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

Taking of alewives in the New Meadows river regulated. Exclusive rights in the taking of alewives from all waters of the New Meadows river in the towns of Brunswick and West Bath shall be optional with the towns.

The towns, at their annual town meetings, may determine by vote whether the alewife fishing in these waters shall be operated by the towns, through their selectmen or a committee or committees appointed for that purpose, or the privilege offered for sale by the said selectmen or committee or committees; 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 towns of West Bath and Brunswick and a copy of the same filed immediately with the clerks of said towns and the commissioner of sea and shore fisheries.

If in any year said towns fail 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 towns of Brunswick and West Bath.

If, after thorough investigation, it is the opinion of the commissioner of sea and shore fisheries that the towns are not following sound conservation principles in their 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 of the 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.