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House of Representatives, February 18, 1953.

Referred to Committee on Towns and Counties. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Chase of Whitefield.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to the Taking of Alewives in Sherman Lake.

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

Taking of alewives in Sherman lake regulated. Exclusive rights in the taking of alewives from Sherman Lake Outlet, so called, in the town of Newcastle shall be optional with the town.

The town at its annual town meeting may determine by vote whether the alewife fishing at the Outlet, so called, of Sherman lake shall be operated by the town, through a committee selected for that purpose, or the privilege offered for sale by the 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 Newcastle 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 act shall be enforced by the municipal officers of the town of Newcastle.

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 act 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.