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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-FIVE

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AN ACT Relating to Open Season on Otter and Fisher.

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

R. S., c. 37, § 113, sub-§ I, amended. The 5th and 6th paragraphs of subsection I of section 113 of chapter 37 of the revised statutes are hereby repealed as follows, and the following paragraphs enacted in place thereof:

~~The open season on otter shall be during the month of November and from January 1 to February 7, inclusive, of each year.~~

~~There shall be no open season on fisher and sable.~~

The open season on otter shall be during the month of November and from January 1 to February 28, inclusive, of each year.

There shall be an open season on fisher from November 16, 1955 to December 15, 1955, both dates inclusive, and from November 16, 1956 to December 15, 1956, both dates inclusive, in the area described as follows: North of a line formed by Route 5 from the New Hampshire Border near Fryeburg to the junction of the Appalachian Trail near South Arm, thence along the Appalachian Trail to the junction of the Canadian Pacific Railroad near Onawa Lake (Piscataquis County); thence easterly along the Canadian Pacific Railroad to junction of Bangor and Aroostook Railroad at Brownville Junction; thence, northeasterly along the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad to the junction of Route 11 at Grindstone; and west of Route 11 from Grindstone to the Canadian border at Fort Kent. The Commissioner, with the approval of the Advisory Council, shall have the power to close any or all of the above described open area if it becomes necessary during the November 16, 1956 to December 15, 1956 season.

It shall be unlawful for any person to have in possession at any time any fisher, or part thereof, except as expressly permitted by this section. It shall also be unlawful for any person to sell, give away, buy, accept as a gift, offer for transportation or transport any fisher skin or fisher skins, unless each skin is tagged and marked as directed by the Commissioner.

Any fisher skin or fisher skins that come into this State in any manner from any other state or country must have the official stamp, tag or seal of the state or country from which said skin or skins were taken. All fisher skins shall be presented for tagging or marking within 10 days from the closing of the so-called open season.

All fisher skins must be presented to the warden supervisor in whose division they were caught and if said supervisor is reasonably satisfied that the fisher presented were legally trapped in his division, he shall tag and mark the same in the manner as directed and with the materials furnished by the Commissioner. A fee of 50c must be paid by the trapper for each skin tagged and marked.

There shall be no open season on sable (marten).'