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Reported by Senator Carpenter of Somerset from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game and printed under Joint Rules No. 10.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Size of Fish and Number and Weight of Catch.

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

R. S., c. 37, § 45, repealed and replaced. Section 45 of chapter 37 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

‘Sec. 45. Size of fish and number and weight of catch. No person shall take, catch, kill or have in possession more than 10 fish of the salmon, trout, togue or black bass species in the counties of Aroostook, Androscoggin, Cumberland, Franklin, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, Oxford, Sagadahoc, Somerset and Waldo during any one day of any open season, from any or all of the rivers, streams, brooks, lakes and ponds in said counties, and which 10 fish shall not exceed a total weight of $7\frac{1}{2}$ pounds in all, unless the last fish caught increases the combined weight thereof to more than $7\frac{1}{2}$ pounds, except as provided for by rules and regulations of the Department under section 9.

No person shall take, catch, kill or have in possession more than 15 fish of the salmon, trout, togue or black bass species in the counties of Hancock, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Washington and York during any one day of any open season, from any or all of the rivers, streams, brooks, lakes and ponds in said counties, and which 15 fish shall not exceed a total weight of $7\frac{1}{2}$ pounds in all, unless the last fish caught increases the combined weight thereof to more than $7\frac{1}{2}$ pounds, except as provided for by rules and regulations of the Department under section 9.

No person shall take, catch, kill or have in possession more than 25 white perch taken from the waters of Franklin, Kennebec, Piscataquis and Somerset

counties and Mattawamkeag Lake in Aroostook County, except as provided for by rules and regulations of the Department under section 9.

No person shall have in his possession at any time, except as provided for by rules and regulations of the Department under section 9:

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

Whenever any waters have a special bag limit, no person shall have in possession more than 1 day's bag limit taken from those waters.

No person shall have in his possession any salmon, trout, togue or black bass with the heads detached therefrom unless such fish are being prepared for immediate cooking.

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.

Any trout, salmon, togue or black bass kept in any sporting camp, hotel or public lodging place must have the name and address of the person who caught them attached thereto.

The provisions of this section may be modified or changed by the rules and regulations of the Department under section 9.'