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Presented by Mr. Walsh of Verona.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FIFTY-NINE

AN ACT Regulating Taking of Alewives in Town of Orland.

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

Taking of alewives in the Town of Orland regulated. Exclusive rights to the taking of alewives from all the waters in the Town of Orland, Hancock County, shall be optional with the town.

The town, at its annual 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 the 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. There shall be a 24-hour weekly closed season on alewives in all such waters from sunrise on each Sunday morning until sunrise on the following Monday morning. Whenever such regulations are thus provided for, they shall be promulgated by the selectmen of the Town of Orland 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 shall fail to act as provided for in the preceding paragraphs, 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 Orland.

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 offi-

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cials of his findings and they shall take immediate corrective measures to prevent destruction of the fishery.

The St. Regis Paper Company or its successors shall be required from the 15th day of April to the first day of December of each year, at their own expense, to keep the fishways at the lower and upper dams of the Eastern River in repair and in such order at all times so that the passage of said fish into, or out of, Lake Alamoosook, so called, will not be hindered.

Whoever violates any of the provisions of this chapter or any regulations promulgated hereunder shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$25, or by imprisonment for 30 days, or by both.