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Legislative Document

No. 708

H. P. 495

House of Representatives, February 12, 1959

Referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Jacques of Lewiston.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-NINE

**RESOLVE, Prohibiting Use and Possession of Live Fish as Bait in
Auburn Lake, Androscoggin County.**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves passed by the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies ; and

Whereas, in order to stock Auburn Lake with salmon and as a conservation measure the following legislation is necessary ; and

Whereas, such conservation should be practiced this winter and spring ; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine, and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety ; now, therefore, be it

Use and possession of live fish as bait in Auburn Lake, prohibited. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to issue a rule and regulation prohibiting the use and possession of live fish as bait in Auburn Lake, Androscoggin County.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve shall take effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The Androscoggin County Fish and Game Association under the direction and supervision of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game will conduct extensive seining operations in Auburn Lake after ice-out this Spring in a project aimed at removing objectionable fish species in the lake. The removal of rough fishes and control of predatory species is necessary for the success of the salmon (landlocked) restoration project which the State is carrying on in this body of water.

The use of live fish as bait in Auburn Lake, carrying with it the danger of introducing unwanted fishes, defeats the seining project and reclamation work and should be terminated. Since ordinary legislation does not become effective until 90 days following adjournment of the Legislature, emergency provision is necessary to cover activity at the lake when the ice goes out and early weeks of the coming open water season.