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PUBLIC LAWS

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**Chapter 84.**

CHAP. 84.

An Act to amend chapter one hundred and ninety-six of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-one, relating to river fisheries.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:*

Chapter one hundred and ninety-six of the public laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-one, is hereby amended as follows: Insert after the word "weir" in the fourth line of the first section, the following: 'Provided, that no part of such weir known as the leader, shall be in more than two feet depth of water at low water;' also, strike out the words "ordinary low water mark" in the sixth line of said section and insert in place thereof the following words; 'the before mentioned two feet limit of depth,' also by adding the following words, 'the standard for low water mark on the Kennebec river shall in all cases be the nearest bench mark of the United States Coast Survey, allowance being made at the various points for the difference in time,' so that as amended, the section shall read as follows, viz.:

Ch. 196 public laws 1871 amended.

SECT. 1. The limit of depth prescribed for weirs in section thirty-four of chapter forty of the revised statutes of eighteen hundred and seventy-one, shall be measured at the entrance of the weir, provided that no part of such weir known as the leader, shall be in more than two feet depth of water at low water mark.

How weirs shall be made and kept, additional to ch. 40, sec. 34, R. S.

Weirs may exceed the limit of two feet depth measured as aforesaid, under the following conditions, namely: First, the distance from the before mentioned two feet limit of depth to the entrance of such weir, shall not exceed one hundred feet. Second, no such weir shall obstruct more than one eighth part of the width of the channel. Third, every such weir shall be stripped so as to render it incapable of taking fish on and after the fifteenth day of June annually; these conditions to apply only to weirs that exceed the aforesaid limit of depth.'

When weirs may exceed two feet in depth.

'The standard for low water mark on the Kennebec river shall in all cases be the nearest bench mark of the United States Coast Survey, allowance being made at the various points for the difference in time.'

Nearest bench mark of U. S. Coast Survey to be standard for low water mark.

Approved February 8, 1870.