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Chapter 122.

An Act to extend the time for taking Smelts in the Penobscot River and its Tributaries.

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

Provisions of sec. 11, ch. 75, public laws of 1878, not to apply to smelts taken in Penobscot river, when,

SECT. 1. The provisions and penalties of section eleven of chapter seventy-five of the public laws of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, shall not apply to smelts taken in the Penobscot river and its tributaries, between the first and fifteenth days of April of each year; otherwise, said provisions and penalties shall remain in full force.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved February 27, 1879.

Chapter 123.

An Act to amend chapter seventy-five of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, relating to the Protection of Fisheries and Propagation of Fish.

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

Sec. 8, ch. 75, public laws amended. SECT. I. Section eight of said chapter is hereby amended by adding after the word "knowledge," in the fourth line, the words 'and shall have the same power as sheriffs and deputy sheriffs, to serve all criminal process for the violation of any of the provisions of this act,' so that as amended, the first paragraph in said section shall read as follows, viz:

Governor to appoint fish wardens where necessary. Wardens to prosecute offenses. Power to serve process.

Right to visit dam, weir or other apparatus. Right to require aid. 'Sect. 8. The governor with the advice of the council, shall appoint fish wardens where the same may be necessary, who shall enforce the provisions of all public laws relating to fisheries; prosecute all offenses that come to their knowledge, and shall have the same power as sheriffs and deputy sheriffs to serve all criminal process for the violation of any of the provisions of this act; and they shall have a right at all times, to visit any dam or any weir or other apparatus for taking fish, and in the exercise of their duties shall have the same right to require aid that sheriffs and their deputies have in executing the duties of their office, and any person neglecting to render it when required shall forfeit ten dollars.'

Sec. 13 of ch. 75, public laws 1878, amended. SECT. 2. Section thirteen of chapter seventy-five of the public laws of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Close time for land-locked salmon, trout,

'SECT. 13. There shall be an annual close-time for land-locked salmon, commonly so called, trout, togue, black bass, Oswego

bass and white perch, in the waters of this State, as follows, viz: CHAP. 123. For land-locked salmon, trout and togue, from the first day of October to the first day of May following, excepting on the St. Croix river and its tributaries and all the waters in Kennebec county, in which the close-time shall be from the fifteenth day of September to the first day of May following; and for black bass, Oswego bass and white perch, from the first day of April to the first day of July following.'

perch Land-locked salmon, trout and perch from Oct. 1 to May 1. Except certain waters. Bass and perch first of April to

Sect. 3. Section fifteen of said chapter is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 15 amend-

SECT. 15. No person shall take, catch, kill or fish for, in any manner, any land-locked salmon, trout or togue, in any of the waters aforesaid, between the said first day of October and the first day of May following, nor in the St. Croix river and its tributaries, between the fifteenth day of September and the first day of May following; or black bass, Oswego bass or white perch, between the first day of April and the first day of July following, under a penalty of not less than ten dollars nor more than thirty dollars, and a further fine of one dollar for each fish thus caught, taken or killed as aforesaid. Provided, however, that during the months Proviso. of February, March and April, in each year, it shall be lawful for citizens of this State to fish for and take land-locked salmon, trout and togue, and convey the same to their own homes, but not otherwise.

Penalties for provisions of this chapter.

Section sixteen of said chapter is hereby amended so

as to read as follows:

'SECT. 16. No person shall sell, expose for sale or have in possession with intent to sell, or transport from place to place in this State, any land-locked salmon, trout or togue, between the first day of October and the first day of May following, or any black bass, Oswego bass or white perch, between the first day of April and the first day of July following, under a penalty of not less than ten dollars nor more than fifty dollars for each offense.'

Section 16 amended.

SECT. 5. Section seventeen of said chapter is hereby amended Sec, 17 amendso as to read as follows:

Penalty for selling or offer-ing for sale certain fish at certain

Any person or persons having in possession, except 'SECT. 17. alive, any land-locked salmon, trout or togue, between the first day of October and the first day of May following, or any black bass, Oswego bass or white perch, between the first day of April and the first day of July following, or who shall transport from place to place within this State any land-locked salmon, trout or togue, between the first day of October and the first day of May following, or black bass, Oswego bass or white perch, between the first day of April and the first day of July following, shall be deemed to have killed, caught or transported the same contrary to law, and be liable to the penalties aforesaid.'

Persons having in possession or transporting from place to place, deemed guilty of violating law.

Approved February 27, 1879.