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OF THE

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OF THE

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1893.

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OF THE
STATE OF MAINE.

1893.

Chapter 532.

An Act to incorporate the Maine Sportsmen's Fish and Game Association.

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

SECT. 1. E. C. Farrington, L. S. Chilcott, E. E. Newcomb, J. A. Fairbanks, C. M. Jones, H. N. Fairbanks, Winfield Scott Choate, George H. Fisher, F. L. Hoyt, James W. North, C. A. Ogden, Jesse M. Libby, Henry O. Stanley, P. B. Guptill, E. B. Stickney, A. R. Jenness, Sumner J. Chadbourne, W. F. Todd, C. L. Spaulding, Leroy T. Carlton, W. E. Miller, B. B. Wentworth, Frank W. Cunningham, W. H. Harris, Harry R. Virgin, Edwin F. Field, John W. Church, Joseph E. Alexander, George G. Gifford, Joseph F. Bodwell, John F. Hill, John W. Berry, John T. Richards, E. W. Gould, Joseph A. Spencer, William H. Simmons, H. F. Willey, Eugene M. Hersey, H. M. Heath, M. B. Spinney, Charles Corliss, J. Manchester Haynes, Isaac J. Mead, William P. Whitehouse, A. M. Spear, Oscar H. Hersey, R. F. Duncan, Benjamin F. Chadbourne, Fred Blake, T. W. Vose, F. E. Timberlake, Albert Thompson, Oscar Blackington, E. W. Palmer, E. E. Hastings, Frank Webber, William P. Blake, W. T. Haines, Nathaniel Meader, W. W. Edwards, Jesse Stinson, P. S. Heald, F. C. Thayer, W. E. Blake, Charles Simmons, S. F. Brown, Charles A. Mar-ton, S. J. Walton, P. T. Sawyer, E. T. Wyman, F. E. Hitchcock, Charles C. Haselton, Frederick Appleton, W. H. Wildes, Frederick A. Powers, Randall C. Noyes, Bela L. Fowles, Joseph C. Holman, Edwin C. Burleigh, Charles B. Caldwell, Charles E. Littlefield, Albert R. Savage, Charles Cushman, E. J. Cram, Byron Boyd, Joseph B. Peaks, T. B. Davis, J. F. Sprague, Llewellyn Powers, George B. Dunn, F. F. Innis, Don A. H. Powers, William C. Donald, A. L. Lumbert, I. H. Page, J. K. Ames, J. H. Bailey, S. N. Holway, H. M. Leighton, Frank W. Sawyer, F. L. Talbot, Austin Harris, William M. Nash, Frank L. Noble, S. N. Campbell, William R. Allan, Newell Rumery, Davis W. Rollins, junior, Abel D. Russell, F. Marion Simpson, Fred Atwood, Edmund B. Mallet, junior, O. A. Dennen, Daniel F. Davis, together with their associates and successors, all citizens of the state of Maine, be and hereby are constituted a body corporate and

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—corporate
same.

—purposes.

—seal.

—by-laws.

First meeting,
how called.

—annual
meetings.

Capital stock.

May hold real
and personal
property.

—proceeds,
shall be
expended for
propagation of
fur, fish and
game.

Powers.

politic by the name of the Maine Sportsmen's Fish and Game Association, for the purpose of assisting in the preservation of our forests and the prevention of forest fires, in the protection of the fur, fish and game of the state, in their propagation and in the enforcement of the fur, fish and game laws; in the publishing and distributing of valuable information for the benefit of all classes of our citizens, so that they will become better qualified to judge and understand their rights and wants, thereby securing their sympathy and confidence, for the purpose of aiding the state in the enforcement of the laws relating thereto; to have and use a seal; to make and enforce by-laws for the management of its financial and other affairs, not inconsistent with the laws of the state.

SECT. 2. The first meeting of the association to be held in Augusta, Maine, for organization, and may be called by any five of the incorporators, on written notice to all of the other incorporators and associates, stating the time and place of meeting, five days at least before the day named therefor. The annual meetings of the years of the session of the legislature shall be held in Augusta, Maine, on the first Tuesday of January, for the election of officers, which shall be by ballot, and for the transaction of all other business that may properly come before the meeting; other meetings to be provided for in the by-laws; the off years in Bangor, Maine, or otherwise, as majority of the association may determine.

SECT. 3. The capital stock of said association shall be twenty-five thousand dollars, divided into shares of ten dollars each, and said capital stock may be increased by vote of the association.

SECT. 4. This association may acquire, take by purchase, gift, grant or otherwise, real and personal property, to hold and improve the same; occupy any lands for the use of the association, owned by the state, by gift from or by lease, as the governor and council may determine; the value of such property of the association as is used for, or the proceeds of, expended for the protection and propagation of fur, fish and game, shall be fixed at one dollar.

SECT. 5. The association shall have the power to prosecute and defend suits at law, construct hatcheries for the propagation of both shore and inland fish and with the consent and under the supervision of the fish and game commissioners of the state, construct dams and fishways, screen outlets lead-

ing to large rivers to prevent the sluicing of fish from waters that are being stocked with fish, to provide suitable grounds, erect buildings for the use of the association, establish safe and permanent gun, rifle and revolver ranges for the practice of both military and sporting arms.

SECT. 6. Said association may issue bonds for the construction of its works upon such rates, terms and time as it may deem proper and expedient, not exceeding in amount its capital stock, and secure the same by mortgage on property of the association.

May issue bonds and mortgage property.

SECT. 7. No member of the association, his family, relatives or all combined, shall hold stock and bonds in amount exceeding one one-hundredth part of the entire issue, except the one share each of stock that constitutes the membership fee, and any stock and bonds in excess of the said amount is hereby forfeited to the association.

Amount of stock and bonds, each member may hold.

SECT. 8. The governor and council may each year appoint one member of the association's board of directors, from the then existing members of the executive council.

Governor and council, may annually appoint one director

SECT. 9. The membership fee of the association shall be the subscribing and paying for one share of the capital stock of the association, the par value of which shall be ten dollars. All stock subscribed and paid for by members, shall be held in trust by the association and forfeited to the association on failure of payment of the annual dues, which shall not exceed five dollars for each year; provided, however, that the failure to pay the annual dues shall not work a forfeiture of the stock, if said dues are paid on or before the date of the annual meeting of the association.

Membership fee

—stock, shall be held in trust by association.

SECT. 10. Whenever the association fails to maintain its organization for the purposes set forth in its charter, the properties of said association shall be forfeited to the state, except so much thereof as is represented by the par value of the capital stock owned by such members as are in good standing in the association; and the governor and council is hereby empowered to proceed upon investigation, against the property of the association, disposing of the same, and paying to the members in good standing, as above set forth, and turning over the excess of all moneys to the state treasury, to be credited to the appropriation for the use of the fish and game commissioners of the state.

Charter, shall be forfeited, when a association fails to maintain organization, and property, forfeited to the state.

SECT. 11. This act shall take effect when approved.