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ACTS AND RESOLVES  
OF THE  
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STATE OF MAINE

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**Chapter 143.**

An Act to amend Section thirty-eight of Chapter forty-one of the Revised Statutes of Maine, relative to enforcement of penalty for Illegal Seining.

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

Section thirty-eight of chapter forty-one of the revised statutes of Maine is hereby amended by striking out from said section the words "in an" and substituting therefor the words 'by complaint, indictment or' so that said section shall read as follows:

Section 38, chapter 41, R. S., amended.

'No person shall use any purse or drag seines in the following waters: In Casco bay north of a line drawn easterly from Prince's point in the town of Yarmouth to Bear Island in the town of Phippsburg excepting for smelts, bluebacks and spurling; in Kennebec river above a line drawn across said river from Fort Popham in the town of Phippsburg to a point opposite at the lower end of Long Island in the town of Georgetown; in Sheepscot river above a bridge leading from Wiscasset to Edgecomb; in Damariscotta river above a line drawn from Farnum's head in the town of Boothbay to a point opposite on the shore in the town of Bristol, excepting the use of drag seines between the above line and The Ledges, for all fish excepting alewives; in Medomak river, above a line drawn from Martin's point in the town of Friendship, westerly by the northeast end of Hog Island to a point opposite in the town of Bremen, or take smelts in said river and its tributaries in any other way than by hook and line; in Georges river, above a line drawn from Hooper's point in the town of Saint George, westerly past the northerly end of Caldwell's island to a point opposite on the shore in the town of Cushing, or take smelts in said river and its tributaries in any other way than by hook and line, or dip-nets, and no individual shall take more than one-half bushel of smelts within a period of twenty-four hours with dip-net; in all bays, inlets, rivers and harbors east of the west shore of the Penobscot bay and river where any entrance to the same or any part thereof from main land to main land is not more than three nautical miles in width, but purse and drag seines may be used for the purpose of taking smelts in these waters, except in Bluehill bay. The taking of herring or fishing therefor, by the use of purse or drag seines and all other seines or nets, except the use of seines or nets in weirs, from the first day of June to the first day of November in the waters of Machias bay and its approaches inside of or to the northward of a direct line drawn straight from the highest summit of the island called The

—unlawful to use purse or drag seines in certain waters.

—amount of smelts taken, limited.

—all bays and harbors east of west shore of Penobscot bay and river.

—except in Bluehill bay.

—Machias bay.

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Brothers, easterly to a point one-half mile distant and due south from Libby island lighthouse, thence from said point easterly to the southerly extremity of the southern island called Double Head Shots, is hereby prohibited. The use of purse or drag seines within a distance of one-half of a nautical mile from any fish weir in any of the waters of the state east of White Head on the west shore of Penobscot river is hereby prohibited but such seines may be used for the taking of smelts and for the purpose of taking fish in weirs but shall not be used in any water in which their use is prohibited by special or general law.

—White Head.

—penalty for violation.

Whoever violates any provision of this section shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding five hundred dollars for each offense, to be recovered by complaint, indictment or action of debt.'

Approved March 23, 1905.

**Chapter 144.**

An Act to amend An Act authorizing a Topographic Survey of the State.

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

Name and work of the commission.

Section 1. The commission directed with the execution of this work shall hereafter be known as the State Survey Commission, the chairman of which shall be the State geologist, and shall include in its work the topographic, hydrographic and geological surveys of the state as provided by acts and resolves of preceding legislatures.

May distribute maps to public libraries and for educational purposes without charge. Shall report to governor and council biennially.

Section 2. Said commission is authorized to distribute without charge, for the use of public libraries, and for other educational purposes, such maps and reports relating to the work of the commission as may become available.

Section 3. Said commission shall make report, biennially, to the governor and council, showing work accomplished, together with a detailed account of expenditures, and shall be authorized to print and distribute, from time to time, such reports and bulletins as may, in the judgment of said commissioners, be immediately useful and profitable to the people of the state, the expense thereof to be chargeable to, and paid out of, the appropriation herein made.

Compensation of members of commission.

Section 4. Said commission shall be reimbursed for all necessary expenses as approved by the governor and council, and, in addition, the chairman shall be paid an annual salary of six hundred dollars and the remaining members of the commission, each three hundred dollars, annually.