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ACTS AND RESOLVES
OF THE
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OF THE
STATE OF MAINE
1907.

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STATE OF MAINE.

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Chapter 122.

An Act for the encouragement of Shellfish Industry.

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

Authorized to make experiments in shellfish industry.

The commissioner of sea and shore fisheries is hereby authorized and directed to expend from the moneys appropriated for the year nineteen hundred seven, for the protection of sea and shore fisheries, so much thereof, not exceeding the sum of one thousand dollars, as may be found necessary to make such experiments as in his judgment are necessary to conserve, extend, encourage, develop, improve and increase the shellfish industry in this state; and he is authorized, during the year nineteen hundred and eight, to expend from the same appropriation and for the same purposes, not exceeding the sum of one thousand dollars, if in his judgment such expenditure can be judiciously made in the prosecution of the purposes and objects of this act.

Approved March 26, 1907.

Chapter 123.

An Act to amend Section forty-four of Chapter forty-one of the Revised Statutes, relating to the taking of Smelts.

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

Section 44, chapter 41, R. S., as amended by chapters 20, 30 and 31, public laws 1905, as amended by chapters 12 and 35, public laws 1907, further amended.

Section I. Section forty-four of chapter forty-one of the revised statutes, as amended by chapters twenty, thirty and ninety-one of the public laws of nineteen hundred and five; and as further amended by chapters twelve and thirty-five of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seven, is hereby further amended by adding in the thirty-fifth line after the words, "Pas-samaquoddy bay," the words 'Saint Croix river,' so that said section as amended, shall read as follows:

Close time on smelts.

—penalty for violation.

—weirs shall be open and nets removed.

—penalty.

—certain weirs excepted.

'Section 44. No smelts shall be taken or fished for in tidal waters, except by hook and line, between the first days of April and October, under a penalty of not less than ten, nor more than thirty dollars for each offense, and a further penalty of twenty cents for each smelt so taken, and all weirs for the capture of smelts shall be open and so remain, and all nets used in the smelt and tomcod fishery shall be taken from the water on or before said first day of April, under a penalty of not less than twenty, nor more than fifty dollars, and a further fine of five dollars for each day that any such weir or net remains in violation of the law. But weirs with catch pounds covered with nets, the meshes