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Chapter 158.

An Act to extend the open season on Wild Ducks.

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

Open season for wild ducks fixed.

Section 1. In addition to the open season now provided by the general law when it shall be lawful to hunt, chase, catch, kill and have in possession wood duck, dusky duck, commonly called black duck, teal, and any and all ducks known as gadwall or gray duck, mallard, widgeon or baldpate, shoveler, pintail or sprigtail, redhead, scaup duck or greater bluebill, lesser scaup duck or lesser bluebill, golden eye or whistler, buffle head, ruddy duck or broadbill, it shall be lawful to hunt, chase, catch, kill and have the same in possession, under the provisions of the general law of the state, during the month of December of each year.

—no person shall bed or feed wild ducks.

It shall be unlawful for any person to bed or feed or put out any food of any kind for any variety of wild ducks to entice them to any place or locality for any purpose.

Penalty for violation of this act.

Section 2. Whoever violates any of the provisions of this act shall be subject to the same penalty as is provided in the general law of the state for the illegal hunting, chasing, catching, killing or having in possession of these birds.

Approved March 27, 1907.

Chapter 159.

An Act to provide for the State of Maine to take land for the purpose of building and operating Fish Hatcheries.

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

May purchase or take land for fish hatcheries.

Section 1. The commissioners of inland fisheries and game for the location, construction, repairs and convenient operation of a fish hatchery or fish hatcheries and feeding stations for fish may purchase, or take and hold, for and in behalf of the state, as for public uses, land and all materials in and upon it necessary for the purpose of establishing, erecting and operating fish hatcheries.

Damage for land taken, and how estimated.

Section 2. For real estate so taken, the owners are entitled to damages, to be paid by the state and estimated by the county commissioners, on written application of either party, made within one year after filing the location as hereinafter provided, or if proceedings thus commenced fail for causes not affecting the merits, new ones may be commenced within one year thereafter.

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Section 3. When the commissioners of inland fisheries and game deem that a public exigency requires the taking of any land or rights for the purposes aforesaid, they shall cause the same to be surveyed, located, and so described that the same can be identified, and a plan thereof shall be filed in the office of the register of deeds in the county where the land or rights are located, and there recorded.

Land shall be surveyed, located and described.

—shall file plan.

The filing of such plan and description shall vest the title to the land and rights aforesaid, in the state of Maine, or their grantees, to be held during the pleasure of the state.

Approved March 27, 1907.

Chapter 160.

An Act in the interest of Humanity to Animals.

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

Section 1. Any person setting a trap in any incorporated place shall visit said trap, or cause the same to be visited, at least once in every twenty-four hours and remove therefrom, or cause to be removed, any animal found caught therein.

Trap shall be visited and animal removed.

Section 2. No person shall set traps on any cultivated lands without first obtaining the written consent of the owner or occupant of the land on which said traps are to be set.

Consent of owner of land to set traps.

Section 3. Any person violating the provisions of this act shall be fined not less than ten dollars nor more than fifty dollars and costs, for each offense, to be paid to the state treasurer and credited to the fund for the protection of fish and game.

Penalty for violating provisions of this act.

Municipal and police courts and trial justices shall have original jurisdiction in all cases arising under this act.

Approved March 27, 1907.

Chapter 161.

An Act to amend Section fifteen of Chapter eighty of the Revised Statutes, relating to the employment of prisoners committed for crime.

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

Section fifteen of chapter eighty of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out all of said section after the word "accommodation" in the fourth line, and inserting instead the words, "they may authorize the employment for the benefit of the county, or of dependent families, of prisoners com-

Section 15, chapter 80, R. S., amended.