

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES
OF THE
SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE
1907.

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

OF THE

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For all logs and lumber landed in Baker brook above the head of the falls seventy-five cents per thousand feet. For all logs and lumber landed in said Baker brook below said falls forty cents per thousand feet. For all logs and lumber landed in Spencer brook above Blakslee dam fifty cents per thousand feet, and for all logs and lumber landed in said brook below said Blakslee dam to the junction of said brook with Baker brook thirty-five cents per thousand feet. The above tolls to be reckoned by the surveyors' scale adopted by the Kennebec Log Driving Company. The said company shall have a lien upon the logs and other lumber which may pass over and through any of its dams or improvements until the full amount of said toll is paid, to be enforced by attachment, but the logs of each mark shall only be holden for the unpaid tolls of such mark.

—rate of
tolls
established.

—shall have
lien on logs
for tolls.

Section 5. The capital stock of this corporation shall be twenty-five thousand dollars.

Capital
stock.

Section 6. When said corporation shall have received from tolls its outlay on all dams and improvements and for repairs made up to that time with six per cent interest thereon, then the tolls herein provided shall be reduced to a sum sufficient to keep said dams and other improvements in repair. Some suitable person shall be appointed by said corporation an auditor to audit the account and determine the cost of said dams, improvements and repairs.

Reduction of
tolls
provided for.

Section 7. The first meeting of said corporation shall be called by a notice signed by one of the incorporators named in section one, mailed to each of the other incorporators at least seven days before the day of such meeting.

First
meeting,
how called.

Section 8. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 14, 1907.

Chapter 251.

An Act for the better protection of Alewives, Shad and Sturgeon in various rivers in Maine.

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

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to take, catch, kill or destroy any alewives, shad or sturgeon in the waters of the Kennebec river above the Randolph and Gardiner bridge, or in the Androscoggin river or Merrymeeting bay above the line indicated by the piers of the old Merrymeeting bay bridge, or in the Cathance river above the iron bridge at Bowdoinham village, or in Abbagadasset river above Maxwell's middle ground, so called, or in Mud or Muddy river or Muddy river

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channel, or in the Eastern river in Lincoln county above Dresden upper bridge.

Sturgeon less than five feet long shall be liberated.

—penalty for violation of this act.

Use of weirs and drift nets unlawful from June 15 to Aug. 15.

—exception.

Section 2. Whoever, having in his possession any sturgeon of less than five feet measured from tip to tip, shall immediately and carefully liberate the same. Whoever violates the provisions of this section shall be fined twenty dollars and costs for each and every sturgeon so unlawfully retained.

Section 3. It shall be unlawful for any person to fish with weirs or use drift nets in any way in the Kennebec river or its tributaries or Merrymeeting bay from June fifteenth to August fifteenth of each year. This section does not apply to Kennebec river and its tributaries below Bluff head in the town of Arrowsic.

Method of fishing in Merrymeeting bay prescribed.

Section 4. It shall be unlawful for any person to fish for, take, catch or kill any alewives or shad in Merrymeeting bay by any other method than that usually employed in taking fish with weirs or drift nets.

Close time for sturgeon in Kennebec river.

Section 5. It shall be unlawful for any person to fish for, take, catch or kill any sturgeon in the Kennebec river or its tributaries and Merrymeeting bay between June fifteenth and March first.

Size of drift net limited.

Section 6. It shall be unlawful for any person to use any drift net in the above described waters or any of them more than one hundred and fifty fathoms in length or more than sixty meshes in depth.

Penalty for violation of section 1 of this act.

Section 7. Whoever shall violate any of the provisions of section one of this act shall forfeit and pay fifty cents for each alewife, one dollar for each shad, twenty dollars for each sturgeon less than five feet in length and fifty dollars for each sturgeon which is more than five feet in length.

—for violation of section 3 of this act.

Whoever shall violate any of the provisions of sections three, four and five of this act shall be subject to a penalty of one hundred dollars and costs and any and all appliances used in violation of said sections shall be subject to seizure and confiscation.

—fines and penalties, how recovered.

All fines and penalties under this chapter may be recovered by complaint, indictment or action of debt made or brought in the county where the offense is committed, as provided in section sixty-one of chapter forty-one of the revised statutes of Maine.

Inconsistent acts repealed.

Section 8. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act, are hereby repealed.