

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES
OF THE
SEVENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE
STATE OF MAINE.

1911

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

As Passed by the Seventy-fifth
Legislature

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Chapter 114.**CHAP. 114**

An Act to regulate the taking of Beaver.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Section 1. The commissioners of inland fisheries and game, upon written complaint of any land owner that beaver are doing actual, substantial damage to his property, shall have authority to declare an open season for beaver upon such land for such period of time as they may deem necessary to remove the beaver that are doing the damage complained of, during which open season it shall be lawful for any licensed hunter and trapper of fur bearing animals to trap beaver thereon. No open season for beaver as contemplated by this act shall take effect until the commissioners of inland fisheries and game shall have caused notice of such proposed open season to be published one time in a newspaper printed in the county in which the land on which the open season for beaver is declared is located, and said commissioners shall also file copy of said notice of open season with the clerk of the town or plantation in which such land is located, or, if the land is in an unorganized place, with the clerk of courts for the county in which the land is located.

Upon written complaint commissioners of inland fish and game may regulate the taking of beaver.

Whenever during a special open season on beaver as is contemplated by this act it shall appear to the commissioners of inland fisheries and game that the privileges of such open season are being abused in any place, said commissioners of inland fisheries and game may suspend the open season and declare it close season for beaver on such land for such time as they may designate.

--open season may be suspended.

Section 2. It shall be unlawful to take any beaver anywhere in the state at any time except during such open season as may be declared by the commissioners of inland fisheries and game in accordance with the provisions of this act.

Unlawful to take beaver, except during special open season.

Section 3. Whoever takes any beaver in violation of any of the provisions of this act shall be subject to a penalty of twenty-five dollars and costs for each beaver taken, caught or killed in violation of any provision of this act. It shall also be unlawful, under the same penalty, for any person to have in possession, at any time, any beaver, or part thereof, taken in violation of any provision of this act.

Penalty for violation of this act.

Section 4. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

Inconsistent acts repealed.

Approved March 28, 1911.