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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1913

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CHAP. 222**Chapter 222.**

Resolution Memorializing the Maine Congressional Delegation to Favor Legislation for the Destruction of Fish of the Shark Species, Especially the Dogfish.

Preamble.

Whereas, an expensive investigation, made in the State of Massachusetts, in nineteen hundred four and nineteen hundred five, showed conclusively that the dogfish were devouring the valuable food fishes of New England which furnish a large part of our national food supply. Moreover, the destruction of the fishermen's nets and trawls by sharks and dogfish materially lessened the annual catch of food fishes. This was proven beyond question by the testimony of hundreds of deep sea fishermen and by Doctor Field of the Massachusetts food commission. As a means of destruction of the dogfish and other members of the shark family, the fishermen and Doctor Field recommended a Federal dogfish bounty.

Preamble.

Whereas, a report of the Federal bureau of fishes showed that the dogfish mutilated or destroyed lobsters up to seven inches in length and that an enormous quantity of smaller lobsters and of small edible fish were eaten by them.

Preamble.

Whereas, it has been and is the practice to artificially hatch the lobster and other salt-water food fish that later mingle in the same coastal waters with the dogfish, and other members of the shark family which are destructive to said salt-water fish, and

Preamble.

Whereas, in view of these facts above stated, and of the great value of the lobster and other salt-water food fish that are being destroyed by their natural enemies, the dogfish on the coast of New England, there is a great necessity, as far as possible, of removing from these waters all members of the shark family.

Preamble.

Whereas, in view of the foregoing facts an issue has been created as regards the destruction of the dogfish and other members of the shark family by means of an appropriation furnished by the Federal government for that purpose.

Destruction
of dogfish,
etc., in fa-
vor of.

Therefore be it Resolved, That the Maine legislature favors the destruction of the dogfish and other members of the shark species that are known to be preying on the food fish in New England waters, and urges favorable consideration of the petition already presented to Congress for a Federal bounty of not less than two cents per dogfish, or not less than eight dollars per ton to be paid to the American fishermen and that the fertilizer therefrom produced at Federal Reduction Works be sold direct to the American farmer at cost.

Resolved, the Senate and House concurring, that the passage of such legislation will result in joint benefit to the farmers and fishermen and ultimately to the consumers of sea food. Therefore, the legislature of Maine respectfully requests the Maine delegation in Congress to support the pending Federal legislation for the elimination of dogfish and said shark species by a Federal bounty as indicated above.

CHAP. 223

Maine delegation in congress requested to support pending measure.

Approved March 27, 1913.

Chapter 223.

Resolve, in Favor of the Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Woman's College for the Promotion of Certain Practical Sciences.

Resolved, that the sum of twenty-four hundred dollars be, and is hereby appropriated for the use and benefit of the Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Woman's College in the promotion, instruction and illustrating by doing of agriculture, dairying, poultry raising and orcharding on the farm belonging to the said institution. Twelve hundred dollars of this appropriation to be paid to the treasurer of trustees of this institution on or before the first day of July, nineteen hundred thirteen, and the same amount payable on or before the first day of July, nineteen hundred fourteen.

Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Woman's College, in favor of.

Approved March 28, 1913.

Chapter 224.

Resolve, in Favor of Screening Squa Pan Lake, So Called, in Aroostook County.

Resolved, that the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars be and is hereby appropriated for the year nineteen hundred and thirteen for the purpose of screening the outlet of Squa Pan lake, in Aroostook county, to be expended under the direction of the commissioners of inland fisheries and game, when the balance necessary to erect said screen, as found by said commissioners, shall have been raised by the citizens of Aroostook county, and paid to the treasurer of state for this purpose.

Squa Pan lake, in favor of screening of.

Provided, further, that this appropriation shall not be available until the town of Presque Isle shall have, in legal town meeting, and having an article in the warrant for said town meeting for that purpose, by vote of record, voted to assume all liability for the keeping of said screen in repair and at all times free from sticks, leaves and all debris, so that the same will not become clogged and prevent the free running of the water through the same.

Town of Presque Isle shall care for and repair screen.

Approved March 28, 1913.