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# Acts and Resolves

As Passed by the

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however, that any person may lawfully kill any wild animal (other than beaver) or any wild bird found destroying his property.'

Approved March 31, 1919.

## Chapter 134.

An Act to Regulate Fishing in Kennebago Stream.

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

**Sec. 1. No fish to be taken in Kennebago stream in Franklin and Oxford counties.** No person shall fish for, take, catch, or kill any kind of fish, at any time, in Kennebago stream, the outlet of Kennebago lake, which stream is located in the county of Franklin and in the county of Oxford. It shall also be unlawful for any person to have in possession, at any time, any kind of fish taken in said Kennebago stream. Whoever violates any provision of this section shall be subject to a penalty of not less than ten nor more than thirty dollars and costs for each offense and one dollar additional for each fish taken, caught, killed, or had in possession in violation of this section.

**Sec. 2. Inconsistent rules and laws repealed.** So much of the rules and regulations of the department of inland fisheries and game promulgated on June first, nineteen hundred and seventeen, as is inconsistent with the provisions of this act is hereby repealed.

Approved April 1, 1919.

## Chapter 135.

An Act to Provide for the Licensing of the Sardine Packers, to Improve the Quality of Fish used for Sardines and to Establish Standards of Measures for Sardine Herring.

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

**Sec. 1. Sea and shore fisheries commission to make rules to improve sardine pack.** That it is essential to the development and welfare of the sardine industry to improve the quality of sardines delivered at the factories and to maintain proper control of said industry. For this purpose the means and authority hereinafter set forth are created and conferred. The sea and shore fisheries commission is authorized to make such regulations and to issue such orders as are essential effectively to carry out the provisions of this act.

**Sec. 2. "Feedy" fish defined; not to be used for sardines.** No fish over twenty per cent of which are "feedy" shall be used for sardines unless they are cut and eviscerated. Fish shall be considered "feedy" if their stomachs are distended with shrimp or red feed to a diameter of three-eighths

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inch or over in case of fish eight inches in length, one-fourth inch or over in case of fish six to eight inches in length, or three-sixteenths inch or over in case of fish under six inches in length.

**Sec. 3. Units established for purchase of sardines.** For the purposes of this act, the following units are established for the purchase or sale of sardine herring. The units shall be the hogshead which is equivalent to ten tubs of one and three-fourths standard United States bushels each, or seventeen and one-half standard United States bushels.

**Sec. 4. Packers to be licensed; license may be revoked; penalty for engaging in business without license.** The sea and shore fisheries commission shall license all packers of sardines or canned herring and in order to carry into effect the purposes of this act and after April fifteenth, nineteen hundred and nineteen, no persons shall engage in the packing or canning of sardines or herring, unless he shall first secure and hold such a license. Said commission is authorized to issue such license and to prescribe regulations for the issuance of licenses, and provide for the submission of reports by said licensees and for the entry and inspection by commission's authorized agent of boats, wharves and places of business of the said licensees. When the commission shall find that any licensee has violated any provision of this act, it may suspend such license and any person who without a license issued pursuant to this section, or whose license has been suspended, engages in the canning of sardines or herring, or who wilfully refuses to carry out the rules or regulations of said commission shall, upon conviction, thereof, forfeit twenty dollars for each one hundred cans so packed or canned.

**Sec. 5. Pack to be inspected; fee to be paid by packers.** All packers or canners of sardines or canned herring must have inspection of the fish used for such canning purposes made in a manner that will insure that they are packed in accordance with the provisions of this act to the satisfaction of the commissioner of sea and shore fisheries. All such fish not so inspected by such packers or canners shall be inspected under the direction of the commission of sea and shore fisheries and to defray the expense thereof, a fee of two cents per case for each case so inspected shall be paid by such packers or canners.

**Sec. 6. Commission may appoint inspectors.** The sea and shore fisheries commission is hereby authorized to employ during the sardine canning season one or more sardine fishing inspectors who shall be its lawful and authorized agents in carrying out the provisions of this act.