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# Acts and Resolves

As Passed by the

## Seventy-Ninth Legislature

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# STATE OF MAINE

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**CHAP. 183**

**Sec. 19. Appropriation.** Twenty thousand dollars shall be appropriated under this act to be used and expended for the purposes herein named during the year nineteen hundred and nineteen and the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars during the year nineteen hundred and twenty.

**Sec. 20. Inconsistent statutes repealed.** All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

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## Chapter 183.

An Act to Assist in the Commercial Utilization of the Dogfish.

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

**Sec. 1. Sea Food Protective Commission created.** To meet an emergency, the governor and council shall appoint a Sea Food Protective Commission of three men who shall be practical and familiar with the costly and progressing destruction of the valuable sea and shore fisheries of Maine, by the unutilized vermin, known as the shark family,—the most destructive being the dogfish.

**Sec. 2. Duties of commission to protect sea food supply from dogfish.** The duties of this commission shall be, to do all in their power through personal interviews, correspondence, and with printed literature in a canvass of both the United States Senate and House Fisheries Committee, and members of congress and the governors of the seacoast states, members of the fishing industry, the Canadian Fisheries Department, and the "press", to show that an emergency exists and requires adequate federal legislation to protect the sea food supply of said states, by a reduction of these sharks to a point where they will no longer be a menace to the sea food supply of the people and a grave menace to the fishing industry.

**Sec. 3. Commission to distribute appropriate literature.** The commission shall distribute printed literature in their said canvass of the said states of the United States, and the governors thereof, and the members of congress, to cover the major facts contained in the costly reports and investigations made by the state of Massachusetts in nineteen hundred and five and nineteen hundred and thirteen, and the federal report of nineteen hundred and seven, relating to the progressive destruction of our sea fisheries of the states by the dogfish and other unutilized members of the shark family; also the chief facts of the Maine Dogfish Report of nineteen hundred and sixteen.

**Sec. 4. Commission to urge upon congress and federal authorities advisability of utilizing dogfish to aid agriculture.** The commission shall

work on the lines of a policy that shall strongly urge upon the United States bureaus of agriculture, commerce, and fisheries, and the Senate and House Fisheries Committees, the urgent necessity of utilizing the dogfish and other shark species to assist American agriculture, under federal auspices, with an annual appropriation for the establishment and maintenance of an adequate number of reduction works, to be located at different points on the Atlantic coast.

**Sec. 5. Expenses of commission to be approved by governor and council.** That to defray the expenses of said commission and to carry out the provisions of this act the governor and council be and hereby are authorized to expend such sums as they may deem necessary and expedient out of any money in the treasury not otherwise expended or appropriated.

Approved April 4, 1919.

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## Chapter 184.

An Act to Amend Certain Sections of Chapter Forty-five of the Revised Statutes, Relating to the Licensing of Persons Engaged in the Lobster Fisheries.

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 45, § 17; relating to lobster licenses, amended.** Section seventeen of chapter forty-five of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out all of section seventeen after the words "in addition to said fine" and inserting in place of the clause stricken out the following: 'No person, firm or corporation convicted of any violation of any law relating to lobsters shall either by themselves, their servants or agents be entitled to a renewal of said license for the balance of license year', so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

**'Sec. 17. License not to be renewed for balance of license year, in case of violation.** No person, firm or corporation, either by themselves as principal or by their servants or agents, shall, at any time, catch, take, hold, buy, ship, transport, carry, give away, remove, sell or expose for sale, or have in his or its possession, except for the immediate consumption of himself and family, any lobster from any of the waters within the jurisdiction of this state, or place, set, keep, maintain, supervise, lift, raise or draw in or from any of said waters, or cause to be placed, set, kept, maintained, supervised, lifted, raised or drawn in or from any of said waters any pot, trap, trawl, car, boat, smack, vessel or other contrivance designed or adapted for the catching, taking, holding or for removal or transportation of lobsters, unless licensed to do so as hereinafter provided; except that common carriers engaged in carrying general freight on fixed schedules may, without license, transport, within or without the state, lobsters legally caught; provided that said lobsters are received by said com-