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amended. Section nine of chapter two hundred and nineteen of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen is hereby amended by inserting after the word "determine" in the third line of said section the words, 'provided, further, that the commissioner of inland fisheries and game, upon petition of twenty-five interested citizens of the state, may promulgate regulations prohibiting all fishing within five hundred yards of any screen installed by authority of the department of inland fisheries and game or by virtue of an appropriation made for same by the legislature of this state,' and by inserting after the word "game" in the fifth line of said section the words 'or whoever fishes for, takes, catches, kills or destroys any kind of fish at any time in any waters closed to fishing by virtue of this section,' and by striking out the words "fifty dollars and costs for each offense" in the sixth line of said section, and by inserting in place thereof, the words 'not less than fifty dollars nor more than five hundred dollars and costs for each offense, or imprisonment not exceeding three years,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 9. Fishing may be prohibited within 500 yards of any screen; penalty provided. The commissioner may in his discretion authorize the screening of the outlet of any pond or lake under such conditions as he may determine. Provided, further, that the commissioner of inland fisheries and game, upon petition of twenty-five interested citizens of the state, may promulgate regulations prohibiting all fishing within five hundred yards of any screen installed by authority of the department of inland fisheries and game or by virtue of an appropriation made for same by the legislature of this state. Whoever shall take up, destroy or injure any screen erected at the outlet of any lake or pond by authority of the commissioner of inland fisheries and game, or whoever fishes for, takes, catches, kills or destroys any kind of fish at any time in any waters closed to fishing by virtue of this section, shall pay a fine of not less than fifty nor more than five hundred dollars and costs for each offense or imprisonment not exceeding three years.'

Approved March 21, 1923.

Chapter 68.

An Act to Amend Section Twenty-seven of Chapter Two Hundred and Nineteen of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen, as Amended by Chapter Two Hundred and Forty-four of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen, and by Chapter One Hundred and Ninety-six of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Nineteen, and by Chapter Two Hundred and Eighteen of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-one, Relating to Use of Traps, Spears and Nets in Taking Fish in Inland Waters.

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

P. L. 1917, c. 219, sec. 27; 1917, c. 244; 1919, c. 196; 1921, c. 218; relating

to granting permits for taking eels, suckers, hornpouts and yellow perch, amended. Section twenty-seven of chapter two hundred and nineteen of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen, as amended by chapter two hundred and forty-four of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen, and by chapter one hundred and ninety-six of the public laws of nineteen hundred and nineteen, and by chapter two hundred and eighteen of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-one, is hereby amended by striking out all of said section and by substituting in place thereof the following section:

'Sec. 27. No exclusive territory permits to be granted. The commissioner of inland fisheries and game may grant permits to take suckers, eels, hornpouts and yellow perch, by means of eel pots, traps, spears or nets, in inland waters frequented by these fish, under such terms, rules and regulations as he may establish, but no exclusive territory permits shall be granted for the taking of any of said fish in any inland waters.

Provided, further, that said commissioner may grant permits to take alewives in the inland waters of the state under such rules and regulations as he may establish.

It shall be unlawful for any person to take, catch, kill, destroy, have in possession, offer for transportation or transport any alewives, suckers, eels, hornpouts or yellow perch in violation of any provision of this section, under a penalty of thirty dollars and costs for each offense.'

Approved March 21, 1923.

Chapter 69.

An Act to Amend Section Forty-nine of Chapter Two Hundred and Eleven of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-one, Relating to the Weight of Heavy Vehicles.

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

P. L., 1921, c. 211, sec. 49; relating to limitation of weight of commercial vehicles on highways, amended. Section forty-nine of chapter two hundred and eleven of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-one is hereby amended by inserting after the word "act" and before the word "The" in the next to the last line of said section, the following: 'Provided, however, that the gross weight of any such vehicle distributed on four wheels may be increased to twenty thousand pounds if the weight upon any wheel concentrated upon the road surface does not exceed six hundred pounds to an inch width of tire, measured between the flanges of the rim, and if the weight on any one axle imparted to the road surface does not exceed sixteen thousand pounds,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows: