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place shall visit said trap, or cause the same to be visited, at least once in every twenty-four hours, and remove therefrom, or cause to be removed, any animal found caught therein. No person shall set a trap or traps on any cultivated land in any organized or incorporated place without first obtaining the written consent of the owner or occupant of the land on which said trap or traps are to be set, or set a trap outside his own land, except a water-set trap, so-called, within half a mile of the compact or built-up portion of any city or village. Whoever violates any provision of this section shall pay a fine of not less than ten nor more than one hundred dollars and costs for each offense.'

Approved March 27, 1925.

Chapter 68.

An Act Relating to the Taking of Fish from Birch Harbor Pond, in Winter Harbor, Hancock County.

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

Sec. 1. Closed time for fishing in Birch Harbor pond, established. It shall be unlawful for any person to fish for, take, catch or kill any kind of fish at any time in Birch Harbor Pond, in the town of Winter Harbor, in the county of Hancock, except it shall be lawful to fish through the ice in said pond during the months of February, March and April of each year in accordance with the general ice fishing laws of the state. It shall also be unlawful for any person to have in possession at any time any kind of fish taken in violation of any provision of this section.

Sec. 2. Penalties. Whoever violates any provision of this act shall be subject to a penalty of not less than ten nor more than thirty dollars and costs for each offense, and an additional penalty of one dollar for each fish taken, caught, killed or had in possession, in violation of any provision of this act.

Sec. 3. Jurisdiction granted to trial justices, police and municipal courts. Trial justices, police and municipal courts, within their respective counties, shall have, upon complaint, original and concurrent jurisdiction with the supreme judicial court and superior courts in all prosecutions arising under this act.

Approved March 27, 1925.

Chapter 69.

An Act to Regulate the Hunting of Rabbits or Wild Hares.

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

P. L., 1917, c. 219, sec. 49; 1923, c. 53; relating to closed time on rabbits

or wild hares, amended. Section forty-nine of chapter two hundred and nineteen of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen, as amended by chapter fifty-three of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-three, is hereby amended by striking out all of said section and by substituting therefor the following section:

'Sec. 49. The month of March made open season except in three counties. There shall be an annual closed season on wild hares or rabbits in the counties of Androscoggin, Sagadahoc and York during the months of March, April, May, June, July, August and September of each year, and in the counties of Aroostook, Washington, Hancock, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Somerset, Franklin, Oxford, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, Waldo and Cumberland during the months of April, May, June, July, August and September of each year, during which respective closed seasons it shall be unlawful for any person to hunt, kill, catch, pursue or have any rabbits or parts thereof in possession, except alive.

No person shall use any snares, traps or other devices in the hunting, pursuing or killing of wild hares or rabbits, or hunt or kill the same except in the ordinary method of shooting with guns in the usual manner; provided, however, it shall be lawful to catch wild hares or rabbits in common box traps during the open seasons provided in this section. Provided, further, it shall be unlawful for any person to have in possession or transport at any time any wild hares or rabbits taken in violation of any provision of this section. Whoever violates any provision of this section shall pay a fine of ten dollars and costs for each offense.'

Approved March 27, 1925.

Chapter 70.

An Act to Fix a Uniform Date for the Filing of Annual Reports of Hunters and Trappers, Camp Proprietors and Other Licensees of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game and to Amend Section Three of Chapter One Hundred and Seventy-three of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Nineteen, as Amended by Chapter One Hundred and Twenty-one of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-three.

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

Sec. 1. Annual reports of trappers, guides, camp proprietors, taxidermists, etc., to be made on or before Dec. 31. The annual report of licensed beaver trappers, guides, hunters and trappers of fur-bearing animals (except beaver), camp proprietors, taxidermists, dealers in deer skins, dealers in the skins of fur-bearing animals and marketmen shall be forwarded to the commissioner of inland fisheries and game on or before the thirty-first day of December of each year, instead of on the dates now required by law for the filing of these reports.