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CHAP. 92

Chapter 92.

An Act Relating to the Use of Seines, Weirs, Nets and Artificial Flies.

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

R. S., c. 45, sec. 68; relating to the use of purse or drag seines in certain waters and regulation of fishing therein, amended. Section sixty-eight of chapter forty-five of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out in the twenty-seventh line thereof the words "or nets," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 68. Use of nets in weirs in Machias bay prohibited. No person shall use any purse or drag seines in the following waters: In Casco bay north of a line drawn easterly from Prince's point in the town of Yarmouth to Bear Island in the town of Phippsburg, excepting for smelts, bluebacks and spurling; in Kennebec river above a line drawn across said river from Fort Popham in the town of Phippsburg to a point opposite at the lower end of Long Island in the town of Georgetown; in Sheepscot river above a bridge leading from Wiscasset to Edgecomb; in Damariscotta river above a line drawn from Farnham's head in the town of Boothbay to a point opposite on the shore in the town of Bristol, excepting the use of drag seines between the above line and The Ledges, for all fish excepting alewives; in Medomak river, above a line drawn from Martin's point in the town of Friendship, westerly by the northeast end of Hog island to a point opposite in the town of Bremen, or take smelts in said river and its tributaries in any other way than by hook and line; in Georges river, above a line drawn from Hooper's point in the town of St. George, westerly past the northerly end of Caldwell's island to a point opposite on the shore in the town of Cushing, or take smelts in said river and its tributaries in any other way than by hook and line, or dip-nets, and no individual shall take more than one-half bushel of smelts within a period of twenty-four hours with dip-net; in all bays, inlets, rivers and harbors east of the west shore of the Penobscot bay and river where any entrance to the same or any part thereof from mainland to mainland is not more than three nautical miles in width, but purse and drag seines may be used for the purpose of taking smelts in these waters, except in Bluehill bay. The taking of herring, or fishing therefor, by the use of purse or drag seines and all other seines, except the use of seines in weirs, from the first day of June to the first day of November in the waters of Machias bay and its approaches inside of or to the northward of a direct line drawn straight from the highest summit of the island called The Brothers, easterly to a point one-half mile distant and due south from Libby island lighthouse, thence from said point easterly to the southerly extremity of the southern island called Double Head Shots, is hereby prohibited. The use of purse or drag seines within a distance of one-half

of a nautical mile from any fish weir in any of the waters of the state east of White Head on the west shore of Penobscot river is hereby prohibited; but such seines may be used for the taking of smelts and for the purpose of taking fish in weirs, but shall not be used in any water in which their use is prohibited by special or general law. Whoever violates any provision of this section shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding five hundred dollars for each offense, to be recovered by complaint, indictment or action of debt.'

Approved April 7, 1927.

Chapter 93.

An Act to Define "Storage Eggs" and "Processed Eggs" and to Regulate Certain Details of the Sale and Distribution of the Same.

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

Sec. 1. "Storage" and "processed eggs" defined. The term "storage eggs" as used in this act shall be held to mean any shell eggs that for a period of thirty days or over, have been held in storage at a temperature of forty-five degrees Fahrenheit, or less.

The term "processed eggs" shall be held to mean any shell eggs which in a way other than storage, have been so treated as to keep them from natural deterioration.

- Sec. 2. Receptacles of storage or processed eggs to be so marked; purchaser of such eggs to be informed. Any person, firm or corporation who exposes or offers for sale, either in any public place or elsewhere, any shell eggs which have been in storage or which in any way have been processed, shall conspicuously display upon the receptacle in which such shell eggs are offered for sale, or upon the package in which they are delivered to the purchaser, a notice containing the words "cold storage eggs" or "processed eggs" in accordance with the fact; and in case any shell eggs which have been in storage or which have been processed are exposed for sale or offered for sale, in a manner which does not require a receptacle or package, the purchaser shall be informed definitely that such shell eggs are either cold storage or processed eggs, to the end that the purchaser may have knowledge of the facts with reference to the storage or processing of such eggs.
- Sec. 3. The use of word "fresh" prohibited in connection with storage eggs. No person, firm, or corporation, selling or exposing for sale any shell eggs which have been in storage or in any way processed, shall use the word "fresh" in any combination of words to describe the character or value of such eggs.