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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

Ninety-sixth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. Digging of marine worms in the towns of Bremen, Damariscotta, Bristol, South Bristol, Nobleboro and Waldoboro. No person shall dig or take marine worms within the limits of the towns of Bremen, Damariscotta, Bristol, South Bristol, Nobleboro and Waldoboro, all in the county of Lincoln, unless he has been a resident of one of these respective towns for at least 6 months, with the following exception. A person may dig or take up to 50 marine worms in a given day for his own use as bait.

Sec. 2. Resident dealers' licenses required; definition. No person, firm or corporation shall buy marine worms within the limits of the towns of Bremen, Damariscotta, Bristol, South Bristol, Nobleboro and Waldoboro unless he is a resident dealer of one of these respective towns and obtains a resident dealer's license from the municipal officers of the town of his residence who are authorized to issue such license and fix the fee therefor. Provided further, that any dealer's license issued through error, misrepresentation or misstatement shall be void and shall be surrendered on demand of the municipal officers of the town issuing such license.

Sec. 3. Penalty. Any person who digs or takes marine worms contrary to the provisions of this act or obtains a dealer's license through fraud, misstatement or misrepresentation shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$10, nor more than \$100 and costs, or by imprisonment for not more than 30 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.

Effective April 27, 1953

Chapter 125

AN ACT Relating to the Taking of Lobsters in York River, County of York.

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

Taking of lobsters in York river, regulated. No person shall catch, take or trap lobsters in York river, in the county of York, from its source to a

line running from Rock's Nose so called to the red painted rock on Stage Neck, so called, on the opposite shore.

Any person violating the provisions of this act shall be punished by a fine of \$50.

Effective August 8, 1953

Chapter 126

AN ACT Relating to the Taking of Alewives in the Town of Gouldsboro.

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

Taking of alewives in the town of Gouldsboro regulated. Exclusive rights to the taking of alewives from all the waters in the town of Gouldsboro, Hancock county, shall be optional with the town.

The town, at its annual meeting, may determine by vote whether the alewife fishing in these waters shall be operated by the town, through its selectmen or a committee appointed for that purpose, or the privilege offered for sale by the said selectmen or committee; and likewise may provide for regulations, compatible with good conservation practices, to govern the times when and the manner in which alewives shall be taken therein. Provided, however, that there shall be a 24-hour weekly closed season on alewives in all such waters from sunrise on each Saturday morning until sunrise on the following Sunday morning.

Whenever such regulations are thus provided for, they shall be promulgated by the selectmen of the town of Gouldsboro and a copy of the same filed immediately with the clerk of said town and the commissioner of sea and shore fisheries.

If in any year said town shall fail to act as provided for in the preceding paragraphs, the taking of alewives in said waters shall be in accordance with the provisions of the general laws of the state and any regulations adopted under authority of this chapter shall be enforced by the municipal officers of the town of Gouldsboro.

If, after thorough investigation, it is the opinion of the commissioner of sea and shore fisheries that the town is not following sound conservation principles in its management of the fishery, said commissioner shall notify