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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

Ninety-seventh Legislature

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'The town at its annual town 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 said selectmen or committee; and likewise may provide for regulations, compatible with the general laws of the State, 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 ~~Sunday~~ ~~Saturday~~ morning until sunrise on the following ~~Monday~~ ~~Sunday~~ morning.'

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 47

AN ACT Prohibiting Commercial Digging of Clams in Brooklin and Sedgwick, Hancock County.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment; and

Whereas, in the interest of conservation, the following legislation is vitally necessary to preserve one of Maine's greatest natural resources; and

Whereas, it is necessary to begin such conservation in the spring of 1955; and

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:

Digging of clams in Brooklin and Sedgwick, regulated. No clams shall be taken from the flats of Brooklin and Sedgwick, Hancock county, from May 1 to October 1, both days inclusive. Nothing herein shall prohibit a resident or riparian owner of shores or flats in their respective towns from digging and taking in any one day not exceeding one-half bushel of clams therefrom for food for himself and family.

Any person taking clams contrary to the provisions of this chapter shall be punished for each offense by a fine of not more than \$25 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 March 18, 1955