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Chapter 109

AN ACT Relating to the Taking of Alewives in the Town of Columbia Falls.

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

Taking of alewives in the town of Columbia Falls regulated. Exclusive rights to the taking of alewives from all the waters in the town of Columbia Falls, Washington 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 Columbia Falls 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 the authority of this chapter shall be enforced by the municipal officers of the town of Columbia Falls.

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 fisheries, said Commissioner shall notify the town officials of his findings and they shall take immediate corrective measures to prevent destruction of the fishery.

Whoever violates any of the provisions of this chapter or any regulations promulgated hereunder shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$10, or by imprisonment for 30 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 110

AN ACT to Amend the Paris Village Corporation.

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

Whereas, the said 90-day period will not terminate until after the next annual meeting of the Paris Village Corporation; and