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12 MRSA § 6571, sub-§ 2, as amended by PL 1977, c. 713, § 6, is further amended by inserting at the end the following:

The commissioner may by regulation allow the use of purse seines during this period in specific areas and with specific conditions or limitations, if he finds that the use is necessary to provide fish to processors, that it will not create undue hardships to fixed gear fishermen in the area and that it will not unduly deplete the recruitment capacity of the stocks. These regulations may be adopted or amended as emergencies under section 6192.

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

Effective May 21, 1979

CHAPTER 263

S. P. 272 — L. D. 842

AN ACT to Amend the Form of Election Ballots to Omit the Secretary of State's Name under Certain Conditions.

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

Sec. 1. 21 MRSA § 701, sub-§ 2, ¶ G is amended to read:

G. Printed on outside. On the front and back of the folded ballot must be printed "Official (name of political party) Primary Ballot for (name of voting place for which ballot was prepared)," the date of the election and a facsimile of the signature of the Secretary of State **state seal**.

Sec. 2. 21 MRSA § 702, sub-§ 3 is amended to read:

3. Printed on outside. On the front and back of the folded ballot must be printed "Official Ballot for (name of voting district)," the date of the election and a facsimile of the signature of the Secretary of State **state seal**.

Effective September 14, 1979

CHAPTER 264

H. P. 413 — L. D. 529

AN ACT Relating to Bass Tournament Permits.

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA § 2553-B, 2nd ¶, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 387, is amended to read:

The commissioner shall promulgate all rules and regulations necessary to carry out the purposes of this section, including, but not limited to: Limiting to 5 the number of black bass which any contestant may take, catch or kill during the scheduled hours of any tournament and requiring that precautions be taken so that, if possible, all fish caught may be retained alive and, following the close of the tournament be released into the body from which they were taken; **and** fixing the maximum total value of prizes which may be awarded at each tournament ~~and establishing a fee of \$25 for a license to conduct a tournament under this section.~~

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA § 2553-B, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 387, is amended by adding after the 2nd paragraph the following:

There shall be a fee for all tournament permits. For tournaments in which 20 or less persons participate, and all these participants are members of the club sponsoring the tournament, the fee shall be \$5. The fee for all other tournaments shall be \$25.

Effective September 14, 1979

CHAPTER 265

H. P. 164 — L. D. 196

AN ACT Relating to Action by the Public Utilities Commission on Petitions by Electrical Companies for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity.

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

Sec. 1. 4 MRSA § 1151, sub-§ 2, first sentence, as amended by PL 1977, c. 694, § 5, is further amended to read:

Except as provided in Title 5, section 10004, Title 29, chapter 17 and Title 35, ~~section sections~~ **sections 13-A and 1566**, the Administrative Court shall have exclusive jurisdiction upon complaint of an agency or, if the licensing agency fails or refuses to act within a reasonable time, upon complaint of the Attorney General, to revoke or suspend licenses issued by the agency, and shall have original jurisdiction upon complaint of a licensing agency to determine whether renewal or reissuance of a license of that agency may be refused.