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breath-alcohol testing apparatus for the purpose of determining blood-alcohol level, may issue a certificate stating the results of the analysis. That certificate, when duly signed and sworn to by the certified person, shall be admissible in evidence in any court of the State. It shall be prima facie evidence that the percentage by weight of alcohol in the blood of the defendant was, at the time the breath sample was taken, as stated in the certificate, unless, with 10-days' written notice to the prosecution, the defendant requests that the operator or other qualified witness testify as to the results of the analysis.

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

Effective June 15, 1981

CHAPTER 459

H. P. 474 — L. D. 538

AN ACT Concerning the Regulation of Atlantic Salmon.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, following 10 years of intensive efforts to clean up our waterways and to restore native fisheries, the Atlantic salmon is returning to Maine rivers; and

Whereas, the restoration of this majestic fish has created great interest and consequent fishing pressure on the resources; and

Whereas, there are few controls on taking Atlantic salmon in coastal waters, and without some controls fishing pressure may endanger the restoration effort; 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:

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA § 6503 is enacted to read:

§ 6503. Atlantic salmon

1. **License required.** A nonresident individual may fish for Atlantic salmon

from the areas indicated in subsection 2, or take, possess, ship or transport these fish which he has taken if he has a current Atlantic salmon permit, in the form of a stamp, described in section 7152 and a current general fishing license described in section 7151.

2. **Limit of application.** This requirement shall apply in the following rivers, from the head of tide downstream to the line indicated:

- A. Sheepscot River, above the Wiscasset-Edgcomb U.S. Route 1 bridge;
- B. Dennys River, above the upstream side of the U.S. Route 1 bridge;
- C. East Machias River, above the upstream side of the lower-most bridge in East Machias Village;
- D. Machias River, above the upstream side of the Rim Bridge, lower-most bridge on the Machias River;
- E. Pleasant River, above the upstream side of the main river bridge in Addison;
- F. Narraguagus River, above the upstream side of the Route 1A bridge in Milbridge;
- G. Union River, above the upstream side of the U.S. Route 1 bridge in Ellsworth;
- H. Penobscot River, above the upstream side of the Joshua Chamberlain Bridge in Bangor; and
- I. Ducktrap River, above the 2 red posts set on the shores approximately 1,000 feet downstream from the U.S. Route 1 bridge.

3. **Repeal.** This section is repealed on December 31, 1981.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA § 6553, sub-§ 5 is enacted to read:

5. **Bag limit.** It shall be unlawful to take more than one Atlantic salmon in one day, or to possess more than 2 Atlantic salmon. This subsection is repealed on December 31, 1981.

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