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By Mr. Dean of Chilmark, petition of the Council of Sportsmans Clubs of Massachusetts for legislation to prohibit the sale of black bass taken within or outside the Commonwealth. Conservation.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Four.

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An Act prohibiting the Sale of Black Bass.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Section fifty-six of chapter one hundred and thirty-  
2 one of the General Laws is hereby amended by strik-  
3 ing out, in the second line, the words "black bass,"  
4 and by inserting after the word "commonwealth",  
5 in the fifth line, the words:—, or any black bass  
6 taken from waters within or outside the limits of  
7 this commonwealth, — so as to read as follows: —  
8 *Section 56.* No person shall buy, sell, offer or expose  
9 for sale, or have in possession for the purpose of sale,  
10 any trout, horned pout, yellow perch, pickerel, white  
11 perch, great northern pike or muscallonge, or wall-  
12 eyed pike or pike perch, taken from the waters of  
13 this commonwealth, or any black bass taken from  
14 waters within or outside the limits of this common-  
15 wealth. Nothing in this section shall be construed  
16 to prohibit the sale of white perch taken from the

17 coastal waters of the commonwealth or from the  
 18 waters of Dukes or Nantucket counties, or from  
 19 waters now or hereafter held under lease from the  
 20 department. Nothing in this section shall be deemed  
 21 to prohibit the director from issuing permits as to  
 22 black bass under section fifty-one, or to penalize  
 23 any person acting under authority of any license so  
 24 issued.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the year of the second session of the Eighty-ninth General Court, 1934.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Section 51. The department of fish and game shall have the honor of the seal of the Commonwealth, and shall be known as the Department of Fish and Game.

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