

AN ACT FOR THE PROTECTION OF SHELLFISH.

*Chap.289*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows :*

SECTION 1. No person shall take any shellfish from their beds, or wilfully obstruct the growth of any shellfish, within the towns of Ipswich, Essex or Rowley, except as hereinafter provided. Taking of shellfish within certain towns restricted.

SECTION 2. The selectmen of any of said towns may give permits in writing to any person to take shellfish from their beds within said town at such times, in such quantities and for such uses as said selectmen shall deem expedient and express in their permits. Said selectmen may refuse to give permits to any person to take said shellfish from their beds for such time as they may deem expedient. But any inhabitant of said towns may without such permit take said shellfish from their beds in the town of which he is an inhabitant, for the use of his family, not exceeding one bushel in any one day, including shells, and any fisherman may without such permit take such shellfish from their beds for bait for his own use, not exceeding one bushel in any one day, including shells. Selectmen may give permits, etc.

SECTION 3. Whoever violates any of the provisions of this act shall be punished by a fine of not less than ten dollars and not exceeding one hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the house of correction not exceeding six months. One half of any fine collected under this act shall be paid to the complainant and the other half to the town in which the offence was committed. Penalty.

SECTION 4. District courts and trial justices shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the superior court of all offences under this act. Jurisdiction of offences.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved April 21, 1897.*

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF LYNN TO BORROW MONEY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING LAND AS A SITE FOR A FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDING.

*Chap.290*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows :*

SECTION 1. The city of Lynn, for the purpose of purchasing land whereon to erect a free public library building, in accordance with the bequest of Elizabeth Shute, may incur indebtedness from time to time to an amount not exceeding in the aggregate thirty-five thousand dollars City of Lynn Library Site Loan, Act of 1897.