

HOUSE No. 1657

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 28, 1946.

The committee on Conservation, to whom were referred so much of the Governor's Address (Senate, No. 1) as relates to appropriations for assisting coastal cities and towns in the propagation of shellfish and in the establishment of experiment stations to improve the methods for shellfish propagation (page 28); and as relates to consideration of the recommendations of the special recess commission established to study the problems of our marine fisheries industry with special reference to the establishment of chlorination plants (page 28), and the final report of the special commission (including members of the General Court) established (under Chapter 65 of the Resolves of 1945) to make an investigation relative to increasing the supply of shellfish, the propagation of soft shelled clams and the maintenance of shellfish chlorinating plants (House, No. 1475) report (in part) the accompanying bill (House, No. 1657).

For the committee,

JOHN A. ARMSTRONG.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Six.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF TWO MARINE FISHERIES EXPERIMENT STATIONS.

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 1. Chapter one hundred and thirty of the
2 General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
3 section seventeen, as appearing in section one of
4 chapter five hundred and ninety-eight of the acts
5 of nineteen hundred and forty-one, the following
6 section: —

7 *Section 17A.* The director shall, to the extent of
8 the appropriations therefor, establish and thereafter
9 maintain at least two marine fisheries experiment
10 stations, at such places as in his judgment seem
11 suitable therefor, for the propagation of lobsters and
12 shellfish, for the investigation of problems affecting
13 the marine fisheries, and for the demonstration of
14 methods for the better management of such fisheries.
15 The activities at such stations shall be for the general
16 purposes, and in accord with the pertinent provisions,
17 of sections seventeen, twenty, forty-two and forty-
18 three.

1 SECTION 2. For the purposes of section one, there
2 is hereby appropriated from the general fund or

3 revenue of the commonwealth the sum of fifty-eight
4 thousand, five hundred dollars for the establishment
5 and construction, and the sum of ten thousand dollars
6 for maintenance, of the experiment stations referred
7 to in said section, which sums shall be available in
8 whole or in part during the fiscal years ending June
9 thirtieth, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, and
10 June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and forty-eight.

1 SECTION 3. The commissioner of conservation is
2 hereby authorized and empowered, with the approval
3 of the governor and council, to accept, in behalf of
4 the commonwealth and for the purposes of section
5 one, from any municipality or person, any gift of
6 land, with or without buildings thereon, which in his
7 opinion seem suitable for such purposes, and, with the
8 approval of the governor and council, may acquire
9 by purchase or otherwise or take by eminent domain
10 under chapter seventy-nine of the General Laws,
11 and may hold such real property and such rights and
12 easements as may be considered necessary for such
13 purposes.

