

SENATE No. 670

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Three.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF FISHERIES AND GAME TO REGULATE THE TAKING OF CERTAIN FISH.

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 131 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by striking out section 45, as most
3 recently amended by section 2 of chapter 378 of the
4 acts of 1952, and inserting in place thereof the follow-
5 ing section: —

6 *Section 45.* No person, except as otherwise pro-
7 vided in sections thirty-seven and one hundred and
8 seven, shall fish or have in his possession any fish ex-
9 cept as provided in this section.

10 The director shall declare an open season on fish
11 in any county where such open season seems advisable,
12 and may make rules and regulations relating to the
13 daily bag, minimum legal length, time and length of
14 open season, and species to be taken, and all other
15 matters connected with such open season as he may
16 deem necessary or expedient, and may suspend or

17 modify the open season and all matters pertaining
18 thereto whenever in his opinion such action is neces-
19 sary.

20 Rules and regulations made under this section shall
21 be subject to the approval of the board described in
22 section two of chapter twenty-one, not less than three
23 members of which, together with the director, shall
24 hold a public hearing with regard thereto in accord-
25 ance with the provisions of section thirty-seven A of
26 chapter thirty and such rules and regulations shall be
27 subject to the provisions of section thirty-seven of
28 said chapter.

1 SECTION 2. The provisions of section forty-five of
2 chapter one hundred and thirty-one of the General
3 Laws, as in effect immediately prior to the effective
4 date of this act, shall remain in full force and effect
5 until and unless the rules and regulations authorized
6 by section forty-five of said chapter one hundred and
7 thirty-one, as amended by section one of this act, are
8 promulgated.