

SENATE No. 216

To accompany the petition of Robert H. Johnson for legislation relative to taking of trout in coastal waters. Conservation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATING TO THE TAKING OF TROUT IN COASTAL WATERS.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would
2 tend to defeat its purpose which is for the immediate
3 protection and conservation of trout resources in our
4 coastal waters, therefore this act is hereby declared
5 to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate
6 preservation of the public convenience.

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

1 Chapter 131 of the General Laws is hereby amended
2 by inserting after section 45 the following section:—
3 *Section 45A.* Brook, Brown and Rainbow trout may
4 be taken on coastal waters of the commonwealth by
5 angling only and the open season, bag limits, legal
6 length, and daily hours for fishing shall be the same
7 as set forth for taking these trout in rivers and streams
8 as prescribed in rules and regulations promulgated
9 under section forty-five.

