

By Messrs. Dolan of Ipswich, Zabriskie of Newburyport and Longworth of Methuen, petition of John F. Dolan, William Longworth and Albert H. Zabriskie for regulating further the taking of fish from the coastal and territorial waters of the Commonwealth by the use of a drag, trawl or seine. Natural Resources.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE TAKING OF FISH FROM THE COASTAL AND TERRITORIAL WATERS OF THE COMMONWEALTH BY THE USE OF A DRAG, TRAWL OR SEINE.

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. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general,
2 or special, law to the contrary, no person, firm, boat or vessel
3 shall engage in the taking of fish from the coastal or territorial
4 waters of the commonwealth by the use of any drag, trawl or
5 seine. This act shall not prohibit those taking part or engaged
6 in the various forms of sport fishing activities, the lobster and
7 crab fisheries or the shellfish industries as provided for by various
8 sections of chapter one hundred and thirty of the General Laws.

1 SECTION 2. Nothing in this act shall be construed to pro-
2 hibit the seining of sand eels, so called, by local legal residents
3 of this commonwealth to be used or sold commercially for bait
4 or other fishery purposes.

1 SECTION 3. Any person, firm, boat or vessel found guilty of
2 violating the provisions of this act shall, upon conviction, be
3 required to pay a fine of not less than five hundred dollars for
4 each such offence.

1 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

The Constitution of the United States

Article I. Section 1. All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.

Section 2. The House of Representatives shall be composed of Members chosen every second Year by the People of the several States, and the Electors in each State shall have the Qualifications requisite for Electors of the most numerous Branch of the State Legislature.

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