

# SENATE . . . . No. 544

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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SENATE, May 15, 1913.

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was committed the House Resolve to provide for an investigation of the fisheries of Buzzard's Bay (House, No. 1058, amended), report that the same ought to pass, in a new draft, herewith submitted.

For the committee,

EDWARD FISHER.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirteen.

### RESOLVE

To provide for an Investigation of the Fisheries of Buzzard's Bay.

1     *Resolved*, That the board of commissioners on fisheries  
2 and game are hereby directed to make an investigation  
3 and report upon fish and fisheries of Buzzard's bay, with  
4 particular reference to the quantities and species of edible  
5 and non-edible fish to be found therein, the effect of the  
6 present laws and restrictions, regulating the taking of  
7 fish therein, and the manner and method of taking same.  
8     Said commissioners may, for the purposes of the in-  
9 vestigation, employ such additional assistants and ex-  
10 perts, and may establish, operate and maintain fish traps  
11 or pounds and may authorize others, under their direc-  
12 tion, and in such manner and on such terms as may ap-  
13 pear for the best interests of the commonwealth, to estab-  
14 lish, operate and maintain fish traps and pounds and  
15 may purchase, hire, lease, set, operate, maintain such  
16 movable or stationary apparatus or boats for taking fish  
17 and may take such other action as may be deemed ex-  
18 pedient for the carrying out of the purposes of this act.  
19 The said commissioners may sell or authorize the sale of  
20 fish taken for the purposes of this investigation, and may  
21 sell such apparatus as they may deem expedient, and the

22 proceeds therefrom shall be paid into the treasury of the  
23 commonwealth.

24 Said commissioners, if they so desire, may hold one  
25 or more public hearings, at such time and place as they  
26 may appoint, for the purpose of hearing parties inter-  
27 ested and to procure such statistics and other information  
28 as they may desire. The said commissioners shall report  
29 to the general court on or before the second Wednesday  
30 of January, nineteen hundred and fourteen, the result of  
31 their investigation, together with such recommendations  
32 as in their opinion are designed to increase and perpetuate  
33 the annual yield of useful fish from Buzzard's bay and  
34 its tributaries; and further, and in such report shall state  
35 whether in their opinion the present laws governing the  
36 fisheries in Buzzard's bay should continue to remain in  
37 force, be repealed, or modified, and if modified, to what  
38 extent, and shall also submit therewith such drafts of  
39 proposed legislation as may be necessary to carry such  
40 recommendations into effect.

41 The commissioners on fisheries and game may expend  
42 from the treasury of the commonwealth a sum not exceed-  
43 ing twenty-five hundred dollars, to carry out the pur-  
44 poses of this resolve.

