

# HOUSE . . . . No. 1452

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By Mr. Jones of Barnstable, petition of Harry Robinson for legislation relative to the taking by seines of white perch off the shores of Barnstable County. Conservation.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Eight.

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE TAKING BY SEINES OF WHITE PERCH OFF THE SHORES OF BARNSTABLE COUNTY.

*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. Section one of chapter three hundred  
2 and forty-nine of the acts of nineteen hundred and  
3 thirty-seven is hereby amended by striking out, in  
4 the second line, the words "blue fish, striped bass,  
5 or", and by striking out, in the sixth and seventh  
6 lines, the words "blue fish, striped bass and", — so as  
7 to read as follows:— *Section 1.* No person shall,  
8 except as hereinafter provided, take with a seine any  
9 white perch within three miles of the shore of Barn-  
10 stable county. It shall not be a violation of this  
11 act for any person using a seine in fishing for mackerel  
12 or other fish for the catching of which its use is per-  
13 mitted to take therewith white perch in the aggregate  
14 to a number not exceeding ten per cent of his total  
15 catch, or to a number in excess of such ten per cent

16 if such excess is immediately returned alive to the  
17 water whence it was taken. The coastal wardens and  
18 the local shellfish wardens and their deputies, if  
19 any, within their respective jurisdictions, shall enforce  
20 the provisions of this act. Violation of any provision  
21 of this act shall be punished by a fine of not less than  
22 fifty nor more than three hundred dollars.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its  
2 passage.