

HOUSE No. 1583

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

COMMISSIONERS ON FISHERIES AND GAME, STATE HOUSE,
BOSTON, Jan. 10, 1913.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives.

The Commissioners on Fisheries and Game respectfully recommend the passage of laws designed to accomplish the following purposes:—

1. To forbid the exposure of poisoned meat and other substances dangerous to dogs and other domesticated animals.

2. A perfecting amendment to Section 11, Chapter 614, Acts of 1911.

3. Authority to close against fishing such public waters as are specially valuable as breeding and rearing areas for food fish.

4. To prohibit the use of snares.

5. To increase the penalty relative to dynamiting and wilfully destroying fish in public waters.

6. To make the open season on gray squirrels coincide with the open season on ruffed grouse, quail and woodcock.

7. To prohibit hunting with dogs during the open season on deer, or the use or possession of rifles on the hunting grounds during the open season for deer.

8. A perfecting amendment to Section 1, Chapter 465, Acts of 1912.

9. To give authority to destroy such documents of the department as are no longer of value.

10. To so amend the laws relative to taking shellfish from polluted waters as to safeguard public health.

11. To conserve and develop the mollusk, lobster, herring, smelt, alewife and shad fisheries.

12. To perfect the laws relative to fish which at any time inhabit fresh water.

13. To regulate the sale of lobsters and lobster meat for the purpose of safeguarding the public health.

14. To regulate the transportation of lobsters.

15. To regulate the legal length of lobsters.

16. To require a license for lobster fishing.

17. To amend the laws relative to deer.

18. To encourage the cultivation of food and bait mollusks.

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