



## BILL.

### An Act for the protection of the Fisheries in Upper Canada.

**W**HEREAS it is expedient to prevent the destruction of Salmon, Preamble.  
Maskinongé, Speckled Trout and Bass in Upper Canada, which  
would result from a continuation of the practice of killing those fish at all  
seasons of the year; and to make further regulations in respect thereof, so  
5 as to prevent the destruction of fish by certain means: Therefore Her  
Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:

I. It shall not be lawful to take or kill any Salmon, Maskinongé, Speck-  
led Trout or Bass, or to buy, sell or possess any Salmon, Maskinongé,  
Speckled Trout or Bass taken or killed, in any river, lake or stream in  
10 Upper Canada, between the first day of November and the first day of  
May following in each year. At what season certain fish may not be killed.

II. It shall not be lawful at any time to take or kill Salmon, Maskinongé,  
Speckled Trout or Bass by means of stake nets, seines, nets, barrier nets,  
baskets, or spears, nor by the aid of artificial light or torch light, in any  
15 river, lake or stream in Upper Canada: Provided always, that from the  
first of May to the first of October in every year, any person or per-  
sons may take and kill Salmon by means of nets, such nets not being  
barrier nets and having meshes of at least two inches in diameter, and  
that each such net or fishery shall extend from one side only of any  
20 river or stream, and in no case shall two such nets or fisheries be placed  
opposite each other or at less than two hundred yards apart one from the  
other, measuring along either bank or beach, and not less than one-fourth  
of the main channel of every river or stream shall be left free of  
any net or fishery, so that the Salmon may have a free course up and  
25 down such river or stream. Not to be taken in certain ways. Part of stream always to be left free.

III. It shall not be lawful to build any fish ponds in any river or stream  
in Upper Canada, so as in any way to obstruct the main channel by  
means thereof. Fish Ponds in rivers prohibited.

IV. It shall not be lawful to take Salmon, Maskinongé, Speckled Trout  
30 or Bass, in any river, lake or stream in Upper Canada, during the winter  
season, by means of holes cut through the ice nor in any way whatsoever  
from the first day of November to the first day of May in each and every  
year. Certain Fish not to be caught through holes in the ice.

V. All Salmon, Maskinongé, Speckled Trout or Bass killed between  
35 the periods mentioned in this Act in which it is unlawful to kill the same,  
shall be forfeited to the Crown, and the person in whose possession any  
Penalties for having fish unlawfully killed.