

16. It shall not be lawful to catch or take, in any way whatever, the fresh-water herring in any of the lakes of Lower Canada between the tenth of May and the tenth of July, in any year. For fresh-water herring.

17. In every standing salmon net in the estuary, or within five miles of any salmon river in Lower Canada, there shall be allowed a "salmon pass" or "gap" in each and every chamber, the dimensions of which shall be two feet wide, and shall extend from the beach, or one foot therefrom, to the top of the net, or to within two feet therefrom, and that such pass or gap shall be open from low tide on Saturday afternoon to low tide on the following Monday morning; provided always, that where the neap tides will not admit of such pass or gap being made, the entrance gate or pass to each and every chamber shall be completely closed in lieu thereof; and that all bag, gill or floating nets situated, as aforesaid, in the estuary or within five miles of any salmon river, shall be removed and taken on shore, from every Saturday evening at six o'clock till Monday morning following at six o'clock, and all such nets found in contravention of this section shall be and are hereby confiscated to the Crown: provided always, that due notice has been given to all holders of fishing leases and parties using such nets. Passes or gaps to be made in salmon nets off mouths of rivers and left open at certain times.  
Penalty.  
Proviso.

18. The Governor in Council may grant special leases and licenses for any term of years to any person or persons who may wish, and will oblige themselves to carry out the artificial production of salmon in any river or rivers that flow through the lands of the Crown; provided that such river or rivers are continually stocked to their full extent of production, and that the terms and conditions of the lease or license are faithfully carried out. Leases of rivers may be granted for artificial productions of salmon.

19. The Governor and Council may grant special licenses and leases to any party or parties, for any term of years, who may wish to plant or form oyster beds in any of the bays or between any of the islands on the coast of Canada and in the St. Lawrence; and the holder of any such lease or license shall have the exclusive right to fish for or dispose of the oysters produced or found on the beds, within the limits of any such license, for the term of such lease. Leases for oyster beds.

20. With a view of obtaining correct and true statistical information in regard to the fisheries in general of the Province, it shall be, and is hereby enacted, that all parties engaged in any way in the fisheries of the Province, whether in deep-sea, coast, river or lake fisheries, shall, before the first day of November, as soon as the fishery they are engaged in is closed, send a true and detailed statement of the entire catch and value of such fisheries to the Commissioner of Crown Lands of this Province, and such statement shall be under oath, before a justice of the peace or stipendiary magistrate, or where no such magistrate resides or is to be found, before two witnesses who shall have power by this Act to administer such oath; and any party or parties so engaged in the fisheries failing to make such return or statement shall incur a penalty of not less than ten dollars or more than one hundred dollars, in proportion to the value of such fishery. Returns of all fisheries to be made yearly to Commissioner of Crown Lands.  
Penalty for default.

21. It shall not be lawful, in the Districts of Gaspé, Magdalen Islands, or on the north or south shore of the river St. Lawrence, to take fish of any kind for the express purpose of manuring land; provided always that fish offal of any kind may be used for that purpose. Fish not to be taken solely for manure.

22. The words "proprietor," "tenant" or "occupant," in the 10th, 11th and 12th sections of this Act, shall include any proprietor or proprietress, joint proprietors or proprietresses, joint occupants or tenants, possessing or using such dam or obstruction; and in any case where married women are concerned, their husbands shall be jointly responsible with them. Interpretation.