
Regulations for salmon and Sea Trout Fisheries in Lower Canada.

CROWN LANDS DEPARTMENT—FISHERIES,

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Pursuant to certain provisions of the Statute 22nd Victoria, Chapter 86, the Governor General in Council has been pleased to adopt the following Regulations for Salmon and Sea-Trout Fisheries in Lower Canada.

By-Law A.—In agreement with the intent and meaning of the 4th and 7th Sections of the Fishery Act, it is hereby declared that, henceforth the Crown, for all practical purposes, resumes and re-enters formally into possession of all fishing stations for Salmon and Sea-Trout appertaining thereto, in Lower Canada, and that no claim by priority or by reason of past occupation of any of these places shall hereinafter exist, and that any party or parties continuing to occupy and use any net-fishery for Salmon or Sea-Trout without obtaining Lease or License therefor under authority from the Crown, shall, after previous notice, become liable to such pains and penalties as are imposed by the aforesaid Act,—saving, moreover, all other recourse in like cases provided by law.

B.—Neither stake-nets, drift-nets, gill-nets, float or stell-nets, scoop-nets, seines, weirs, nor other self-acting machine whatsoever, shall be used within the *course* of any river or stream frequented chiefly by Salmon and Sea-Trout, at a greater distance from the mouth thereof than the usual mark of tidal floods, or inside of such other actual limit as may be assigned in the field to each Estuary Holding by the Superintendent of Fisheries for Lower Canada, or by the Stipendiary Magistrate in charge of the Government Vessel for the protection of Fisheries.

C.—All nets, or other lawful appliances for the capture of Salmon and Sea-Trout, shall be placed within the estuary fishings at distances of not less than 200 yards apart, the interval so designated to mean along either side of the stream, and such measurement to leave the space clear from any net on one side to another net upon the opposite shore, without separate intermediate nets, or other device, being set anywhere therein.

D.—The Superintendent of Fisheries for Lower Canada, or the Stipendiary Magistrate in command of the Government Vessel for the protection of Fisheries, may prescribe, either by written or published instruction, or on sight, the open space between nets to be set in bays and elsewhere along the coast.

E.—At the outside of the chamber and in the pound of every set or stake-net for the capture of Salmon and Sea-Trout, there shall be maintained a flap or “door” at least ten inches square, which must be left open, affording free egress and passage to Salmon and Trout, from sundown on Saturdays until sunrise on Mondays.

F.—All other persons are forbidden to take fish of any kind, and in any manner within limits covered by Leases or Licenses from the Crown, except by special permission of the Lessees or Licentiatees.

G.—The fishing for, taking, and killing of any Salmon or Sea-Trout by aid of torch-light or other artificial light, and by means of spears, harpoon (*négog*,) jigger-hooks, or grapnel, is hereby absolutely forbidden.

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