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An Act to provide for prohibiting the Catching of Seals at certain periods in Behring Sea and other parts of the Pacific Ocean adjacent to Behring Sea, and for regulating the Seal Fisheries in those Seas.

[27th June, 1895.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to repeal the Seal Fishery (North Pacific) Act, 1893, and to re-enact it with amendments: 56 & 57 Vict. c. 23.

Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1.—(1.) Her Majesty the Queen may, by Order in Council, prohibit, during the period specified in the Order, the catching of seals by British ships in such parts of the seas to which this Act applies as are specified in the Order. Power to prohibit by Order in Council the hunting of seals in Behring Sea and adjacent parts of the Pacific Ocean

(2.) While an Order in Council under this Act is in force—

- (a.) a person belonging to a British ship shall not kill, take, or hunt, or attempt to kill or take, any seal during the period and within the seas specified in the Order; and
- (b.) a British ship shall not, nor shall any of the equipment or crew thereof, be used or employed in such killing, taking, hunting, or attempt.

(3.) If there is any contravention of this section, any person committing, procuring, aiding or abetting such contravention shall be guilty of a misdemeanour within the meaning of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, and the ship and her equipment and everything on board thereof shall be subject to forfeiture to Her Majesty. 57 & 58 Vict. c. 60.

2.—(1.) Her Majesty the Queen may by Order in Council make, as respects such parts of the seas to which this Act applies as are specified in the Order, regulations— Power to regulate seal fishing.

- (a.) for entering in the official log of a ship particulars respecting the hunting, killing, and taking of seals, and
- (b.) for regulating the hunting and taking of seals, with power to prohibit or restrict the use therein of any particular kind of vessels, methods, or implements.