

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

WHEREAS it is expedient to prevent the destruction of Salmon Trout, 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 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 Trout, Maskinongé, Speckled Trout or Bass, or to buy, sell or possess any Salmon Trout, Maskinongé, Speckled Trout or Bass taken or killed in any river, lake or stream in Upper Canada, between the first day of December 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 Trout, 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 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 persons may take and kill Salmon Trout 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 fisheries shall extend from one side only of any 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 Trout may have a free course up and 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 Trout, Maskinongé, Speckled Trout 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 of May in each and every year. Certain Fish not to be caught through holes in the ice.
- V. All Salmon Trout, Maskinongé, Speckled Trout or Bass killed between 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 such Salmon Trout, Maskinongé, Speckled Trout or Bass shall be found, shall incur a penalty of *two pounds ten shillings* for each such Salmon Trout or Maskinongé, and *one pound five shillings* for each such Speckled Trout or Bass. Penalties for having fish unlawfully killed.