Short Title.

Definitions.

Appointment of Seal Fishery Officers.

Unlawful to take seal in the Colony without a license.

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Offences and penalties and forfeitures consequent thereon. 1. This Ordinance may be cited as "The Seal Fishery (Consolidation) Ordinance, 1921."

2. In this Ordinance:

"Seal" means the fur seal, the hair seal, the sea otter, the sea elephant, the sea leopard, the sea bear, the sea lion, the sea dog and any animal of the seal kind.

"Skin" means the skin of any seal.

"Seal reserve" means any portion of land or water within the limits of the Colony set apart by the Governor in Council for the breeding of seals.

3. (1) The provisions of this Ordinance shall be enforced by Seal Fishery Officers.

(2) The following persons shall be seal fishery officers, that is to say, every commissioned officer of any of His Majesty's ships on full pay, and every officer in the employ of the Government of the Colony authorized in that behalf by the Governor.

4. It shall not be lawful for any person to kill, take or hunt, or attempt to kill or take any seal in the Colony or the Colonial waters thereof, unless he shall first have been duly licensed.

5. (1) Such officer as the Governor may appoint for the purpose may grant licenses to take seals in the Colony and the Colonial waters thereof, to such persons as may apply for them, for such periods and on such terms and conditions as may be approved by the Governor.

(2) In the case of the breach by the holder of a license of any of the provisions of this Ordinance, or of the regulations made thereunder or of any of the conditions under which such license may have been granted, the Governor may, by notice in writing, summarily revoke such license, and thereupon all rights conferred thereby or enjoyed thereunder shall cease as from a date mentioned in such notice.

6. (1) The Governor in Council may from time to time make regulations for carrying out the provisions of this Ordinance and the intent and object thereof.

(2) Any person guilty of an offence against any provision of the regulations made under this section shall be liable to a fine not exceeding twenty-five pounds.

7. It shall be lawful for the Governor in Council from time to time to declare, by notification in the *Gazette*, any Crown land or Colonial waters, or with the consent of the owner or lessee, any private land, to be a seal reserve, and, by notification in the *Gazette*, to revoke and declare to be no longer in force any such notification as aforesaid.

8. Any owner or master or other person in charge of any vessel who shall permit such vessel, or any boat or canoe belonging to such vessel, to be employed in killing or taking seals in the Colony or the Colonial waters thereof without a license under this Ordinance or contrary to the terms of or beyond the limits specified in any license granted to him under this Ordinance, shall forfeit any seals so killed or taken, and any seals, seal-oil or skins found in his possession, and in addition thereto shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding three hundred pounds and to imprisonment with hard labour for a period not exceeding twelve months for each offence.

9. Any person who does any of the following acts shall be guilty of an offence against this Ordinance, and shall be liable on conviction to a penalty not exceeding one hundred pounds and to imprisonment with hard labour for a period not exceeding six months for each such offence, and to forfeit any seals, seal-oil, or skins found in his possession:

(a) Kills, takes or hunts, or attempts to kill or take, any seal in the Colony or the Colonial waters thereof without a license under this Ordinance, or contrary to the terms of, or beyond the limits specified in, any license granted to him under this Ordinance.



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