

STATE OF MAINE

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An Act to Provide an Exception to a Fishing Prohibition near the Crooked Brook Dam

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, residents of the Town of Danforth in Washington County have long enjoyed fishing in the area around Crooked Brook Dam; and

Whereas, since the completion of a fishway at the site of the dam, residents' ability to fish has been limited; and

Whereas, this legislation creates an exception to allow fishing near, but not in or from, the fishway; and

Whereas, it is important that this legislation take effect immediately so that residents of the Town of Danforth can enjoy fishing in the spring and summer months; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §12457, sub-§1, ¶A, as amended by PL 2013, c. 499, §1, is further amended by amending subparagraph (5) to read:

(5) There is no fishing in or from the fishway at the Sheepscot Lake Dam in the Town of Palermo in Waldo County, Chain of Ponds Dam in Chain of Ponds Township in Franklin County, Long Pond Dam in Seven Ponds Township in Franklin County, Beaver Pond Dam in Seven Ponds Township in Franklin County, Little Island Pond Dam in Seven Ponds Township in Franklin County, Pushaw Lake Dam in the Town of Hudson in Penobscot County, Davis Pond Dam in the Town of Eddington in Penobscot County, Leonard's Mills Dam on Blackman Stream in the Town of Bradley in Penobscot County, Souadabscook Stream Dam at Grist Mill Road in the Town of Carmel in Penobscot County and, Webber Pond

Dam in the Town of Vassalboro in Kennebec County and Crooked Brook Dam in the Town of Danforth in Washington County;

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.