

The Statutes of His Majesty's Province of Upper Canada in North America. Passed in the third session of the fourth provincial parliament of Upper Canada, met at York, on the second day of February, in the forty-seventh Year of the reign of our sovereign Lord George the Third (1807). York: John Cameron, 1809.

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An Act for the preservation of Salmon. Passed 10th March, 1807.

Whereas it is found necessary to make provision for the preservation of Salmon, in the Rivers and Creeks of this Province; Be it therefore enacted by the King's most excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Upper Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great Britain, entitled, "an Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of his Majesty's reign, entitled, "an Act for making more effectual provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec, in North America, and to make further provision on for the government of the said Province," and by the authority of the same, That from and after the passing of this Act, no person or persons in the Home or Newcastle Districts, shall be allowed by setting any net or nets, wear, or other engines, to take any salmon or salmon fry, in any river or creek, or at the mouth or near the mouth of any river or creek in the laid Districts.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any person or persons in either of the districts aforesaid, shall take or catch or attempt to take or catch by setting any net or nets, wears or other engines, any salmon or salmon fry, in any of the creeks or rivers, or at the mouth or near the mouth of any creek or river in the aforesaid Districts, such person or persons shall forfeit and pay the sum of five pound for the first offence, and double that sum for every subsequent offence, or in default of payment, shall be committed to the common gaol of the District in which the offence is committed, for the space of one month. Provided always, that nothing in this Act shall be construed to prevent persons at any time from taking salmon with a spear or hook and line.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for any one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, upon the oath of any one credible witness, to hear and determine the matter in complaint, and on conviction under his hand and seal, to cause to be levied of the goods and chattels of such offender or offenders as are herein before mentioned, the sum of five pounds for the first offence, and double the sum for every subsequent offence, committed contrary to the intention of this Act, or in default of payment, to commit the offender to the common gaol of the District for one month.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That one half of every fine levied, or to be levied, by virtue of this Act, shall be given to the informer, and the other half shall be paid into the hands of his Majesty's Receiver General, to and for the public uses of this Province.