

*At the General Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia, begun and holden at Halifax, on the Sixth Day of June, 1770, in the Tenth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord George the Third, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. being the First Session of the Fifth General Assembly convened in the said Province.*

10 George III – Chapter 10

**An Act for the Benefit of the Fishery on the Coats of this Province.**

Whereas it is apprehended that the frequent scarcity of fish on the banks near the shores of this province, may be occasioned by fishermen throwing into the sea the offal of the fish they kill; for remedy whereof,

I. Be it enacted by the Governor, council, and assembly, that from and after the publication hereof, if any fisherman in any vessel, bark, or boat, shall presume to throw into the sea within three leagues of any of the shores of this province, any heads, bones, or other offal of the fish they may take, the master of such fishing vessel, bark, or boat, shall, upon due conviction thereof, by the oath of one credible witness, before any one of his Majesty's justices of the peace, or by the view of the said justice, pay for each and every such offence the sum of five pounds.

II. And be it further enacted, that all penalties incurred and arising by this act, shall be applied one moiety to the person who shall inform and sue for the same, the other moiety to the person who shall inform and sue for the same, the other moiety to be paid into his Majesty's treasury for the use of the province, the same to be levied by distress and sale of the offender's goods and chattels, together with the charges of such distress and sale, rendering the overplus (if any be) to the owner or owners thereof.

III. Provided nevertheless, that nothing in this act shall extend to the debarring any fishermen in boats, who split and dress their fish on shore, from throwing the offal of their fish into what is called the land-wash.