

At the General Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia, begun and holden at Halifax, on Wednesday the first day of July, 1761, and in the first year of His Majesty's Reign, and there continued by several prorogations until the 19th day of October, 1763, in the Third Year of His Majesty's Reign.

3 George III – Chapter 2 (Session 2)

An Act to prevent Nuisances, by Hedges, Wears, and other Incumbrances, Obstructing the Passage of Fish in the Rivers in this Province.

Whereas the erecting or setting up hedges, wears [weirs], fish-garths or other incumbrances, or placing seines across any river to stop, obstruct, or straiten the natural course and passage of fish in their seasons for spawning, must be very detrimental, and may entirely destroy the salmon, bas, shad, ailwive, and gaspero fishery; which the new settlers in general depend on, in a great measure for their subsistence; Therefore in order to preserve the valuable support to the inhabitants of this Province,

Be it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Council, and Assembly, that the Justices in their first Quarter Session held in each county, annually, shall and are hereby empowered and directed to make rules and orders for the regulation of the river fishery in their respective counties, as they from time to time shall find necessary for the preservation thereof.

And it is hereby enacted, that if any person or persons shall presume to erect or set up any hedge, wear, fishgarth, or other incumbrance, or place any seine or seines across any river in this Province, contrary to the rules and regulations so fixed on, and established by the Justices in their said General Quarter Session, annually, such person or persons shall, upon conviction thereof, forfeit and pay the sum of ten pounds one half of which shall be for the informer, and the other half for the poor of the township, where the offence shall be committed, to be recovered by action, bill, plaint, or information in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record,

This Act to continue, and be in force for the space of two years, from the publication hereof, and until the end of the session then next following.

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