

*At the General Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia, begun and holden at Halifax, on Thursday, the Eighth day of January, 1824, in the Fourth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Fourth, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith &c. &c. being the Fourth Session of the Twelfth General Assembly, convened in the said Province.*

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**An Act for the preservation of Trout.**

Whereas the preservation of the fish denominated Trout, during the time of their spawning, will be highly beneficial to the inhabitants of the township and district of Halifax:

I. Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, that, from and after the publication hereof, it shall not be lawful for any person or persons, under any pretence whatever, to catch, take or destroy, any trout fish, within the said township and district of Halifax, from the first day of October to the first day of January, inclusive.

II. And be it further enacted, that every person who shall take, catch or destroy, or who shall sell, or expose to sale, or who shall buy, or cause to be brought, within the township and district of Halifax, any trout fish, within the respective times herein before mentioned, shall, for every trout so taken, caught, destroyed, sold, or exposed to sale, brought, or caused to be brought, forfeit the sum of one shilling for each and every such offence: to be recovered on the oath of one or more credible witness or witnesses, before any of His Majesty's justices of the peace; and in case of refusal or neglect to pay, the same shall be levied by warrant of distress, on the goods and chattles of such offender, and for want thereof such offender shall be committed by such justice to the county jail, for a period not exceeding eight hours.

III. Provided always, that nothing in this act contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to prohibit any Indian or other poor settler from taking or catching trout within the times herein before mentioned, for his own use.