

*Ordinances of the Lieutenant Governor and Council of His Majesty's Province of Cape Breton passed in the year 1787.* National Archives of the United Kingdom CO 219/1.

27 George III – Chapter 7

**An Ordinance for the Benefit of the Fishery on the Coasts of the Island of Cape Breton and Its Dependencies.**

Whereas it is apprehended that the Scarcity of Fish during these last Three Years back on the Banks near the shores of this Island and Its Dependencies may be occasioned by Fisherman throwing into the Sea the Offal of the Fish they Kill, for remedy whereof.

Be it Ordained by the Lieutenant Governor Council, 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 Island or Its Dependencies, 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 same Justice Pay for each and every such offence the Sum of Five Pounds.

And it is further Ordained that all Penalties incurred and arising by this Ordinance shall be applied, One 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 this Government, the same to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Offenders Goods and Chattels together with the Charges of such Distress and Sale rendering the surplus (if any be) to the owner or owners thereof.- Provided Nevertheless that nothing in this Ordinance shall extend to the debarring any Fisherman in Boats who Split and drop their Fish on Shore from throwing the Offal of their Fish into what is called the Landwash.

Approved, Ordained and  
Ordered accordingly in  
Council this 16th Day of  
February 1787. in the 27th  
Year of His Majesty's Reign.  
J. F.W. DesBarres

Passed in Council  
this 16th Feby 1787. }

Signed Alexr Haire.  
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Geo: Moore.