

*Acts of the General Assembly of His Majesty's Province of New-Brunswick passed in the year 1807.* Saint John, NB: John Ryan, Printer to the King's Most Excellent Majesty, 1807.

47 George III – Chapter 3

**An Act to ascertain the Rights of Fishery. Passed the 5th of March, 1807.**

Whereas the Right of Fishery on the East side of the Harbour of Saint John has been granted to the Freemen and Inhabitants of the same side; and life Right of Fishery on the West side of the said Harbour granted to the Freemen and Inhabitants on the Western side; which Grant has been confirmed by Act of Assembly: and whereas other Grants of Lands and Fisheries have also been made in divers parts of this Province, and it is expedient and equitable that all His Majesty's subjects should enjoy a just and equal right of Fishery, as far as their respective situations may admit, and whereas disputes have arisen and may hereafter arise respecting the rights of Fishery, which in future to prevent,

Be it enacted by the President, Council and Assembly, That from and after the passing of this Act, all and every His Majesty's subjects owning or lawfully possessing lands bounded on any River, Cove, Creek or Lake in this Province, shall have and be deemed to have the sole and exclusive right of taking Fish on or in front of the shores thereof, under the regulations and restrictions of any Act or Acts of Assembly, made or to be made for that purpose, prescribed to be observed in any such Rivers, Coves, Creeks or Lakes respectively, and that no person or persons whatever shall or may lawfully set or erect any Net, Wear, or Fishgarth, or draw any Seine on, or in front of the said shores of such Rivers, Coves, Creeks or Lakes respectively, except the owner or owners or lawful possessor or possessors thereof or persons by virtue of their leave or licence, any law, charter, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided Always, That nothing in this Act shall extend or be construed to extend to abridge, diminish or interfere with the rights and privileges of the City of Saint John and of the Freemen and Inhabitants thereof as already secured by Charter, nor any other Grants as aforesaid.

Provided Also, And it is hereby declared, that this Act shall not be in force, nor be construed to be in force in the Harbour of Saint John until the First day of January, one thousand eight hundred and eight. But that the Northern Shore of the said Harbour shall be fished by the Inhabitants of Saint John and the Parish of Portland for this year in the same manner as they have been accustomed to do for the two years last past.