

Laws of His Majesty's Province of Upper Canada, passed in the year 1833. York: Robert Stanton, 1833.

3 William IV – Chapter 30

An Act to protect the White-Fish Fisheries in the Straits or Rivers Niagara, Detroit, and Saint Clair, in this Province. Passed 13th February, 1833.

Whereas it is necessary to protect the White-Fish Fisheries in this Province:—Be it therefore enacted, by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Upper Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great Britain, entitled "*An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled 'An Act for making more effectual provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec in North America, and to make further provision for the Government of the said Province,'*" and by the authority of the same, That from and after the passing of this Act, if any person or persons shall use or employ, or cause to be used or employed, any Seine, or other Nets, for the taking of White-Fish, in the Straits or Rivers Detroit, Saint Clair, and Niagara, within the Province of Upper Canada, of a greater length than Fifty Fathoms, he or they, for every such offence, shall forfeit the sum of One Hundred and Twenty-five Pounds.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That any person or persons who shall be found fishing for White-Fish in either the said Straits or Rivers within this Province, with Seines, Gill-Nets, or other Nets, on the first day of the week, called Sunday, shall forfeit, for every such offence, the sum of Fifty Pounds.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any person or persons shall attempt to divert the natural progress or running of the White Fish within this Province by Shingling or other device, he or they shall forfeit for every such offence the sum of one hundred and twenty-five Pounds, or be Imprisoned, not exceeding three months, at the discretion of the Court.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any person or persons shall fish in the said Straits or Rivers fronting the Farm or Land of any person or persons, except in the Channel of said Straits or Rivers, after notice given to desist by the owner or occupant of such farm or Land, he or they shall forfeit for every such offence the sum of fifty Pounds.

VI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all forfeitures which shall be incurred under the provisions of this Act shall be recovered by Action of Debt with Costs of Suit before any Court having competent Jurisdiction; one moiety thereof to the person or persons who may sue for the same, and the other moiety to be paid into the hands of the Receiver General, to and for the uses of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, for the Public uses of this Province and towards the support of the Government thereof, to be accounted for to His Majesty, through the

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His Majesty to direct.