

Laws of Her Majesty's Province of United Canada, passed in the year 1854. Quebec: Stewart
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An Act for the protection of Fisheries in Lower Canada. Assented to 30th May, 1855.

Whereas it is expedient to provide against the destruction of Salmon, Maskinonge and Trout Fisheries in Lower Canada, which would result, from a continuance of the present practices of killing and taking those Fish during the spawning season, and with stake or barrier nets, and by the aid of artificial lights at night: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and intituled, *An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada*, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, as follows:

- I. It shall not be lawful to take or kill any Salmon, Maskinonge or Trout, or to buy, sell, or possess any Salmon, Maskinonge or Trout taken or killed in any River, Lake or Stream in Lower Canada, between the first day of October in any year, and the first day of February following.
- II. It shall not be lawful at any time to take or kill Salmon, Maskinonge or Trout in any River, Lake or Stream in Lower Canada, by means of stake nets or barrier nets, or any other self-acting machine, nor by the aid of torch-light or any other artificial light; Provided always, that during the months of June, July and August in every year, the Proprietors of Salmon Fisheries may take and kill Salmon by means of nets other than stake or barrier nets, and having meshes of at least two inches in diameter each.
- III. Every offender against any of the provisions of this Act, shall for each offence incur a penalty not exceeding two pounds ten shillings, currency.