

CHAPTER LXXXIX.

[H. B. No. 261.]

PROTECTION OF SALMON AND OTHER FOOD FISHES.

AN ACT to protect salmon and other food fishes in the waters of Puget Sound and in all streams flowing into Puget Sound, and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Close season.

SECTION 1. It shall not be lawful to take or fish for salmon by any means whatever in the month of April nor from the first day of October to the fifteenth day of November in any year hereafter, in any of the streams flowing into Puget Sound. [Any person] violating any of the

Penalty.

provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in a sum not less than fifty dollars nor more than ninety-five dollars for each and every offense.

Young salmon of ten inches or less to be returned to water alive when caught.

SEC. 2. Every person who by seine or any means whatever, except by hook and line, shall catch young salmon of ten inches in length or less, in the waters of Puget Sound or in any of the streams flowing into Puget Sound, and who shall not return the same immediately alive to the water, or who shall sell or offer for sale any such fish, or shall willfully destroy any small fish not merchantable, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in a sum not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than seventy-five dollars for each and every offense.

Emergency.

SEC. 3. Whereas, there is now no law in this state in relation to the subject-matter of this act, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act shall be in force from and after its passage and approval by the governor.

Approved March 9, 1893.