

terfere with the provisions of section 3362 of Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington, being section 1198 of the Code of 1881.

Passed the House March 2, 1899.

Passed the Senate March 8, 1899.

Approved March 13, 1899.

CHAPTER CXXXV.

[S. B. No. 160.]

FOR THE PROTECTION OF STURGEON.

AN ACT to protect sturgeon and to regulate the time and manner of fishing for sturgeon in the waters of the Columbia river, prohibiting the use of Chinese hooks in the waters of this state, and providing a penalty.

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

SECTION 1. Hereafter it shall not be lawful for any person or persons to take, capture or kill in the waters of the Columbia river or tributaries thereof any sturgeon between the first day of March and the first day of November in each and every year, under a penalty of twenty dollars for each and every sturgeon so taken, captured or killed, or had unlawfully. Closed season.

SEC. 2. It shall not be lawful at any time to take or kill any young sturgeon under four feet in length, or fish for the same by any device or appliance whatever in the waters of the Columbia river or tributaries thereof, and any person or persons fishing with gill nets, fish-wheels or other fishing apparatus whatever in the waters of the Columbia river or tributaries thereof who, on lifting, drawing, taking up or removing any of said nets, or other fishing apparatus, shall find young sturgeon under four feet in length entangled or caught therein, shall immediately, with care and the least possible injury to the fish, disentangle and let Young sturgeon.

loose the same and transmit the fish to the water without violence. Any person or persons violating any of the provisions of this section, or having in their possession young sturgeon under four feet in length, either for consumption or sale, or who is known to willfully destroy the same, for so offending shall, on conviction thereof, be punished with a fine of ten dollars for each and every fish so caught, sold or destroyed.

Penalty.

Chinese lines prohibited.

SEC. 3. It shall be unlawful to cast, extend, set, use or continue or assist in casting, extending or using any Chinese sturgeon lines, or lines of a similar character, in the waters of this state. The fish commissioner and any deputies are hereby authorized to seize and destroy any such lines found in said waters, and they are hereby authorized to arrest forthwith any person or persons detected in setting or using any Chinese sturgeon lines, or lines of similar character, in the waters of this state. Any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be fined in a sum not less than twenty-five dollars and not more than one hundred dollars.

SEC. 4. Chapter 73, being "An act for the protection of sturgeon in the waters of this state," approved March 16th, 1897, is hereby repealed.

Passed the Senate March 3, 1899.

Passed the House March 9, 1899.

Approved March 13, 1899.

CHAPTER CXXXVI.

[H. B. No. 488.]

DEEP WATER OYSTERS.

AN ACT to encourage and protect the culture of deep water oysters in the State of Washington, and declaring an emergency.

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

Lands to be leased.

SECTION 1. All lands in the waters of the State of Washington lying below extreme low tide, not covered