

CHAPTER 126.

[S. B. 301.]

OPEN SEASON ON GAME.

AN ACT relating to the powers and duties of the State Game Commission and the Director of Game, and amending section 26, chapter 178, Laws of the Extraordinary Session of 1925, as last amended by section 28, chapter 3, Laws of 1933 (section 5880, Remington's Revised Statutes).

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

SECTION 1. Section 26, chapter 178, Laws of the Extraordinary Session of 1925, as last amended by section 28, chapter 3, Laws of 1933 (section 5880, Remington's Revised Statutes) is amended to read as follows:

Amend-
ments.

Section 26. The Director of Game, by and with the consent and approval in writing of a majority of the membership of the State Game Commission, shall have the power to entirely close, or to shorten to such time as he may deem advisable the open season fixed by statute or by any rule or regulation of the State Game Commission for any or all game animals, fur-bearing animals, game birds or game fish within the respective game areas and throughout the state and after such season has been closed or shortened as aforesaid, to re-open the same for all or any portion of the time fixed by statute or any rule or regulation of the State Game Commission which he may deem advisable and shall have the authority to fix daily, weekly, or season bag limit on any or all game animals, fur-bearing animals, game birds or game fish within any game area or areas or throughout the state.

Director to
fix season.

Approval.

Whenever the Director of Game shall find that game animals have increased in numbers in any locality of the State of Washington to such an extent that such animals are damaging public or pri-

vate property, or over-grazing their range, the State Game Commission is hereby authorized to provide for and establish a special hunting season, and shall designate the area and the number and sex of the animals that may be killed by a licensed hunter therein, and shall promulgate necessary rules and regulations and determine by lot the number of hunters that may hunt within such area and the conditions and requirements incident thereto: *Provided*, That said drawing by lot shall be open only to holders of big game seals who have not killed an elk or deer in the regular season immediately preceding the special season so established: *And provided further*, That the said drawing shall take place at the city hall of the town nearest the area to be opened, and that notice of the establishing of such special hunting season and such drawing shall be given in the manner provided for the publishing of orders opening or closing seasons.

Written
 order to
 be filed.

The exercise of power herein granted to close or re-open regular or special seasons or fix bag limits shall be by a written order signed by the Director of Game and filed in the office of the State Game Commission and in the office of the Auditor of any county affected by the order.

Passed the Senate February 28, 1941.

Passed the House March 11, 1941.

Approved by the Governor March 21, 1941.