

Utah Fishing Law 1901

CHAPTER 133.

FISH AND GAME.

AN ACT to amend sections 2, 3, 6, 10, 12, 14, 19, 23 and 24 of the Laws of Utah, 1899, of an act entitled, "An act for the protection of fish, game and birds; for appointment of state and county wardens and prescribing their duties; to provide penalties for the violation of this act and to repeal title 21 of the Revised Statutes of Utah, 1898, and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent therewith, approved March 9th, 1899."

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

SECTION 1. That sections 2, 3, 6, 10, 12, 14, 19, 23, and 24 of chapter 26, of the Laws of Utah, 1899, be and the same are hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2. Commissioner's salary. Must qualify.

The state commissioner shall receive an annual salary of one thousand dollars, together with his reasonable and necessary traveling and contingent expenses not exceeding two hundred dollars per annum. He shall, before entering upon the duties of his office, take and subscribe to an oath of office and give a bond in the penal sum of five thousand dollars for the faithful performance of his duty. Such bond shall be approved by the state board of examiners and filed with the Secretary of State.

Sec. 3. Control of waters. Distribution of fish. Deputies.

The state commissioner shall have control and supervision of the waters of the state, for the collection, propagation, culture, and distribution of fish in the state and shall receive and distribute all game, fish, fish fry and spawn coming into his hands fairly and equitably among the several counties. He shall have full control of all the property of the state obtained or held for the purposes contemplated by this act, and he shall have power to appoint special deputies and assist in enforcing the provisions of this act; provided, that the sum of two thousand [dollars] may be expended annually for the payment of said deputies.

Sec. 6. Duties of commissioner and county wardens.

It shall be the duty of the state commissioner and also the duty of the county fish and game wardens to see that all laws of the state for the protection of fish and game are faithfully enforced in the several counties, and for this purpose they respectively are severally hereby given the same powers and authority granted by the laws of the state to and exercised by sheriffs and constables. The state commissioner and every warden throughout the state, and every sheriff and constable in his respective county, is authorized and required to enforce this act and seize any game or fish taken or held in violation of this act, and he shall have full power and authority, and it shall be the duty of every such officer, with or without a warrant, to arrest any person whom he has reason to believe guilty of a violation thereof; and if, without a warrant, to hold him until a

warrant can be-procured, to open, enter and examine all cars, stages, packs, warehouses, stores, outhouses, boxes, barrels and packages where he has reason to believe any game or fish taken or held in the violation of this act, is to be found, and to seize the same; and provided, that if such search or seizure be made without a warrant, the officer making the same must procure a warrant therefor as soon as possible during or after the search or seizure, and provided, further, that a dwelling house actually occupied can be entered for examination only in pursuance of a warrant. It shall be the duty of the county fish and game wardens to report their official acts in detail to the state commissioner annually during and not later than the first week in December, and oftener if so required by the state commissioner.

Sec. 10. Taking fish. How and when lawful.

It shall be unlawful for any person to fish for or take any trout, bass or mountain herring from any waters of this state, by any means or device whatever, except by means of hook and line, commonly known as angling, and angling is more fully defined as fishing or angling with a fishing rod or fishing pole held in the hand or hands, having a single line attached, with one baited fish hook or with one baited fish hook with one gang of not more than three hooks, or with one trolling spoon, with one gang of not more than three hooks, or with not more than two artificial flies, and that only between the 14th day of June of each year, and the fifteenth day of December following; provided, that fish may be taken from the waters of Fish lake between June 14th and December 14th with hand; and provided farther, that it shall be unlawful to take or have in possession any trout, bass or mountain herring, less than seven inches long, at any time.

Sec. 12. Other fish.

It shall be unlawful for any person to sell or offer or expose for sale at any time any eastern brook trout, rainbow trout, grayling trout, native black spotted or mountain trout or any other species of trout or landlocked salmon taken from any of the streams or waters of this state. It shall be a misdemeanor for any person to take, catch or have in possession more than twenty pounds of any of said varieties or species of fish in any one day for domestic use or any other purpose; provided, that it shall be lawful to take with hook and line, commonly known as angling, any number of pounds per day in weight of eastern lake trout, native lake trout and black bass from Utah, Bear, Sevier, Panguitch and Fish lakes, and these fish may be taken and sold for commercial purposes between the 14th day of June and the 15th day of December of each year.

Sec. 14. Use of seines, traps, etc.

It shall be unlawful for any person to take any fish from the waters of this state by the erection of any weir, dam, fence, wheel, basket, trap, net, seine, setline, sieve, spear, gun or grabbling hooks, or any other device whatsoever which can be used for the unlawful catching of fish; provided, that for the purpose of catching carp, chubs, mullets, bullhead, catfish or suckers, and these fish only, seines not more than two hundred yards long and twelve feet wide, with meshes not less than one and one half inches square for fifty yards in the center, and meshes not less than two inches square in the wings thereof, may be used in the following named waters only: Utah, Bear and Sevier lakes; the Colorado, Green, Grand and San Juan rivers; in the Weber river below its junction with the Ogden river; in the Bear river below the bridge at Bear River city, from September 1st to March 31st following, both days inclusive, and in Bear lake only between the 15th day of May and the 15th day of July following; provided, that suckers may be taken by

grabbling hooks in Provo river, Spanish Fork river, and that only between the Oregon Short Line railway crossing and Utah lake and in Weber river in Morgan and Weber counties, and provided, further, that before any person shall use seines in the waters above mentioned, such person shall secure the presence of either the county warden or his deputy, who shall be paid not to exceed two dollars per day by the party drawing the seine.

Sec. 19. Removed not applicable. Hunting deer, antelope, etc., when lawful.

Sec. 23. Removed not applicable. Goose, duck, etc.

Sec. 24. Removed not applicable. Insectivorous or song birds. Sparrows.

Approved this 25th day of March 1901.

To the state fish and game commissioner-
For salary for the years 1901 and 1902..... 1,925.00
To the office of state fish and game commissioner
For traveling and contingent expenses for the years
1901 and 1902, or so much thereof as may be necessary 600.00
To the office of state fish and game commissioner-
For salary of special deputy fish and game wardens,
for the years 1901 and 1902, or so much thereof as may
be necessary.. 4,000.00
To the office, of state fish and game commissioner-
For salary of superintendent of fish hatchery for the
years 1901 and 1902 \$ 1,200.00
To the office of sfate fish and game commissioner -
For the salry of one assistant to the superintendent
of fish hatchery for the years 1901 and 1902 960.00
To the office of state fish and game commissioner-
For construction of ponds and improvements of
grounds for the years 1901 and 1902, or so much
thereof as may be necessary..... 500. 00
To the office of state fish and game commissioner-
For the purchase of fish eggs and distribution thereof
for the years 1901 and 1902, or so much thereof as
may be necessary..... 1,000.00
To the office of state fish and game commissioner-
For construction of sub-stations at Fish lake, Sevier
county, and Panguitch lake, Garfield county, for the
years 1901 and 1902, or so much thereof as may be
necessary..... 500.00
To the office of state fish and game commissioner--
For the construction of dams at Mona, Juab county,
for the propagation and culture of fish, for the years
1901 and 1902, or so much thereof as may be necessary
..... 500.00

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