

## 1915 Utah fishing Law

### FISH AND GAME.

*An Act to amend Sections 12, 13, 17, 21 and 23, Chapter 53, Laws of Utah, 1909, as amended by Chapter 46, Laws of Utah, 1913, and Section 19, Chapter 53, Laws of Utah, 1909, relating to the protection of fish, game and birds; prescribing regulations with reference to fishing and hunting; prohibiting damage to private property by persons engaged in fishing; providing for the establishing of private game farms and the licensing thereof; giving the Commissioner authority to trap beaver under certain conditions and providing a penalty for the violation of any of the provisions of this Act.*

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

Section 1. Sections Amended. That Section 19, Chapter 53, Laws of Utah, 1909, and Sections 12, 13, 17, 21 and 23, Chapter 58, Laws of Utah, 1909, as amended by Chapter 46, Laws of Utah, 1913, he, and the same are hereby amended to read as follows:

#### **12. Taking Fish, When Unlawful. Penalty. "Angling" Defined.**

It shall be unlawful for any person at any time to fish for or take any fish from any of the waters of this State by any device or means whatever. This provision shall not prohibit angling between the fifteenth day of February and the thirty-first day of March following, both dates, included, nor between the fifteenth day of June and the thirtieth day of November following both dates included, except that it shall not be lawful to angle in Fish Lake and Strawberry Reservoir at any time except between the fifteenth day of June and the thirtieth day of November following both dates included; provided, that it shall be lawful to angle in Panguitch Lake between the fifteenth day of June and the Twenty-eighth day of February following. It shall be unlawful for any person to fish or take away any fish from the waters of this State at any time between nine o'clock p. m. and three o'clock a. m. on the day following or to take or have in his possession at any time any bass less than eight inches long, or any trout, mountain herring or other game fish less than six inches long. The word angling as used in this Act is defined to be fishing with a rod or pole held in the hand or hands, such rod or pole to have attached thereto artificial fly hooks, not exceeding two in number, or two baited hooks, or one baited hook with not more than one gang of not more than three hooks, or one trolling spoon with not more than one gang of not more than three hooks. Any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

**13. Sale of Certain Fish Unlawful. Evidence. Limit to Catch. Fishing in Certain Waters Prohibited.** It shall be unlawful for any person to sell or offer to sell, or expose for sale or have in his possession with intent to sell at any time, any eastern brook trout, rainbow trout, grayling trout, native trout, black spotted mountain trout, or any other species of trout or any land-locked salmon, herring or any black bass

taken front any of the public waters of this State. In prosecutions under this section it will be sufficient to allege generally that such fish were unlawfully sold, offered, exposed or held for sale, and proof of sale or offering or exposing for sale shall be prima facie evidence of guilt.

It shall be unlawful for any person to catch more than fifteen pounds of any or all of said varieties or species of fish in any one day, except that at Fish Lake, Panguitch Lake and Bear Lake any person shall be permitted to take a single fish weighing more than fifteen pounds in any one day. It shall be unlawful for any person to have in his possession at any time more than fifty pounds of any or all of said varieties or species of fish. It shall be unlawful for any person to fish for or take any fish at any time from the waters of Logan river between the crest of the dam of the Hercules Power Company's plant and the Logan City Power House on the bank of said Logan river; or, between the crest of the dam of the Logan City Power House, in said Logan river, and the mouth of Spring Creek where it empties into said Logan river, and the crest of the State dam at the mouth of Logan Canyon to the Telluride Power House on Logan river, or from the waters of Powell's Slough on the east shore of Utah Lake, Utah County, or from any tributary of said Slough.

**17. Use of Nets, Seines and Spears in Certain Waters. Seiner's License and Bond.** for the purpose of catching carp, chubs, mullets, bullheads, catfish or suckers, and for 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 with meshes not less than two inches square in the wings thereof may be used at any time in the following named waters only: Bear Lake, Sevier river from Sevier Lake to the mouth of the Sevier Bridge Reservoir, the Colorado, Green, Grand and San Juan rivers, the Gunnison reservoir, Sanpitch river, Redmond Lake, Burville reservoir and Sevier river, and from the Black Knolle Creamery north to the county line between Sanpete and Sevier counties, and the Otter Creek reservoir to include Otter Creek as far north as the about six miles below Greenwich, the mouth of the canal that empties into Otter Creek reservoir from the east fork of the Sevier river, and the east fork of the Sevier river from its junction with the waters of Otter Creek one-fourth of a mile below the said Otter Creek reservoir; and in Price river from Spring Glen, to Green river, Carbon County; in Bear river, below the Idaho line, and in Utah Lake and Jordan river. Provided, that in Bear Lake, it shall be lawful to use seines or nets for catching herring, trout and whitefish, between July 1st and May 1st, following. Provided further, that it shall be unlawful to take fish from the waters of Bear Lake with gill nets within four hundred yards of the mouth of any stream flowing into said lake. In Utah-Lake, it shall be unlawful to use seines from June first to September first, or at any time without the presence of a game warden who shall be paid not to exceed Three dollars per day by the party drawing the seine, and such warden shall give a bond of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars for the faithful performance of his duties payable to the State of Utah and to be filed with the State Commissioner. Provided, that before any person shall use a seine in any waters named in this section, such person shall procure a Seiner's License from the State Commissioner on payment of One Dollar and Fifty Cents, except to seine in Utah Lake, where the fee shall be Five dollars, and in Bear Lake, where the fee shall be Ten Dollars. Provided further, that before any person shall use a seine in any of the waters of this State, except Utah Lake, he shall give a bond with two sufficient sureties to the State in the penal sum of Five hundred Dollars, conditioned that no fish protected by the laws of this State from seining' will be taken, and that diligence will be used by them to prevent the death of any of said fish, which bond shall be approved by and

filed with the State Commissioner. The State Commissioner shall furnish blanks for said funds and shall furnish to the County Clerk of each county of the State blanks to be given to persons desiring to give bonds as herein provided. When the bond is prepared, it shall be delivered to the State Commissioner, or to a Chief Warden or a County Clerk, who shall forward it at once to the State Commissioner. Upon approval by the State Commissioner he shall file the same in his office and issue to the person giving such bond, upon payment of the license fee provided by law a, seiner's license. It shall be lawful to use spears with or without a torch or lamplight for the taking and killing of carp and suckers only, at any time, and it shall be lawful to take carp, suckers, chubs, mullets and catfish, at any time, with hook and line commonly known as angling from the above waters, and from the waters of Sevier river between the mouth of Clear Creek Canyon in Sevier County and the Otter Creek reservoir in Piute County, and in Weber river below its junction with Ogden river. Provided further, that suckers may be taken by grappling books between April first and May twentieth, both dates inclusive, in Provo river between Utah Lake and the State Road Bridge northwest of Provo, in Spanish Fork river, between the San Pedro, Los Angeles and Salt Lake railroad bridges across said rivers and Utah Lake, and in hobble Creek between Main Street, Springville City, and Utah Lake. Any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

19. Unlawful to Fish From Back of a Horse, or by Fire or Lamplight. Damage to Property. Trespassing. Penalty. It shall be a misdemeanor to fish from the back of a horse, or to travel up or down any stream on horseback while fishing for trout or mountain herring; or to fish by fire or lamp light at night. Provided, however, that nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a person from wading up or down any stream while so fishing'. It shall be a misdemeanor for any person while engaged in fishing to damage private property, to take down or remove fences, to open and permit or cause to remain open, gates or bars or to do or commit any act of trespass, while engaged in fishing and the commissioner or his deputy is authorized to arrest any person violating any of the provisions of this section and all fines collected, upon conviction of any person so arrested after payment of costs and prosecution, shall be turned over by the court to the owner of the property damaged.

21. Removed not applicable. Unlawful to Kill or Capture Big Game. Exceptions. Private Game Preserves.

23. Removed not applicable. Open Season for Prairie Chickens, Grouse, Quail, Etc., Defined. Limit to Kill. Sale Unlawful.

Approved March 23rd, 1915.

General Appropriations

*An Act making appropriations for the support of the state government for the period beginning January 1, 1915, and ending March 31, 1917.*

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

Section 1. **Appropriations.** That the following sums of money, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same are hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury, not

otherwise appropriated, for the support of the government of the State of Utah, as hereinafter expressed, from January 1st, 1915, to March 31st 1917.

To the State Fish and Game Commissioner:

(To be paid out of fish and game fund.)

For salary of commissioner from Jan. 1, 1915, to March 31, 1917 ..... 5,400.00

For traveling expenses of commissioner, office supplies and clerical assistance ..... 6,750.00

Salary of chief deputy from Jan. 1, 1915, to March 31, 1917 ..... 3,375.00

For traveling expenses of (chief deputy ..... 1,800.00

For salary of six chief wardens, three hatchery superintendents, two assistant superintendents, traveling and contingent of chief wardens and hatchery superintendents, maintenance of hatcheries, salaries of county wardens and repairs and improvements at hatcheries from Jan. 1, 1915, to March 31, 1917.... 78,030.00

I have permitted these appropriations to remain with the understanding that they are, as above stated, reappropriations of the amounts provided for said purposes by the Legislature of 1913.

Respectfully,  
William Spry  
Governor

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