

## CHAPTER 348—H. F. No. 453.

*An Act to provide for the removal of carp and other rough fish from lakes containing wild celery feeding grounds for wild fowl.*

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

**Section 1. Carp to be removed from lake containing wild celery beds.**—Whenever, in any lake in this state containing wild celery beds which constitute a feeding ground for canvas-back, red head or other water fowl, carp become so numerous as to destroy or threaten the destruction of or serious damage to such celery beds, the state game and fish commission is hereby authorized to take or contract for the taking and removal of the carp from such waters. Such work if done by contract shall be directly supervised by the executive agent of the commission or by a game warden, the expense of supervision to be paid by the contractor.

**Sec. 2. May be taken at any season of year.**—In any such case, the carp may be taken at any season of the year, by the use of nets, or by the use of traps during the spawning season. If sturgeon, dogfish, garfish, sheephead, buffalo, eelpout or suckers are taken by such means together with the carp, they may likewise be retained and removed, but all other fish taken in the nets or traps shall be released and returned.

**Sec. 3. Cost may be paid out of funds of game and fish commission.**—The cost and expense of such work may be paid out of any funds in the state treasury appropriated for the use of the state game and fish commission, and any amounts realized therefrom shall be deposited in the state treasury, and of the amount so deposited there shall be available for the use of the commission an amount equal to that expended by it for such work. If the work is done by the commission, it may sell the fish taken for the best price it can obtain therefor.

**Sec. 4. Not be removed if county board objects.**—Fish shall not be so removed from any lake under the provisions of this act if the board of county commissioners of the county in which the lake is situated, shall pass a resolution forbidding the same but unless such resolution is passed before December 1st in any year, the county board shall not have power to forbid such removal of fish during the year following such December 1st.

**Sec. 5.** This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 24, 1915.