

## CHAPTER 237.

## AN ACT FOR THE PROTECTION OF FISH IN THE COUNTY OF GOODHUE.

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

SECTION 1. It shall hereafter be unlawful for any person or persons to catch, kill or take any fish in any river, stream, creek, slough, lake, pond, or waters within the county of Goodhue, or along the boundary line thereof, in any way or manner other than with hook and line, spear, or shooting with a gun. *Provided*, that in the waters of the Mississippi river, dip nets and ordinary draw nets and seines may be used for such purpose. But no nets or seines shall be set or any fish pond made or operated in the Mississippi river or any of the sloughs, lakes or bays connected with said Mississippi river, for the purpose of catching or taking fish.

SEC. 2. It shall be lawful for any person who discovers any such net or seine set for catching fish, or any fish pond constructed for that purpose, to take and destroy the same as a common nuisance and obstruction to the breeding and preserving of fish.

SEC. 3. Any person offending against the provisions of this act, shall upon conviction thereof before any justice of the peace of said county or other court of competent jurisdiction, be punished by a fine of one (1) dollar for each and every fish so wrongfully taken, caught or killed, together with costs of suit, and any person entering complaint upon which a conviction is had for such wrongful taking of such fish, shall be entitled to have and receive of the justice of the peace, or other person by whom the amount of such fine or fines is collected, one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) the amount of such fine or fines. And the justice of the peace may commit the person against whom any judgment or fine for the violation of this act is entered, to the common jail of said county, until such fine with costs of suit, is fully paid, but not to exceed thirty (30) days.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 7, 1878.