

CHAPTER CCLXXXII.

AN ACT TO PREVENT THE DESTRUCTION OF FISH IN TETONKA AND SAKATAH LAKES, IN THE TOWNS OF WATERVILLE, IN LE SUEUR COUNTY, AND MORRISTOWN, IN RICE COUNTY.

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

SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to catch, kill, destroy, spear, or in any manner, except with hook and line, to take any fish of any kind or description whatever, from the waters of Tetonka Lake, in the town of Waterville, Le Sueur county, Minnesota, or from the waters of Sakatah Lake, being in towns of Waterville, Le Sueur county, and Morristown, Rice county, Minnesota, or from the waters of the lake next to and adjoining on the east, said Sakatah Lake, in the town of Morristown, Le Sueur county, Minnesota, or in any of the outlets thereof, between said above mentioned lakes, or in any inlets thereof, within one mile of said lakes.

SEC. 2. Any person or persons violating the provisions of the preceding section, shall, upon conviction thereof, suffer and pay a fine of five dollars for each and every fish so caught, killed or destroyed, together with costs of prosecution, and in default of payment whereof shall be committed to the county jail of the county where such conviction is had, for a term not exceeding thirty days for every such offense.

SEC. 3. All prosecutions under the provisions of this act shall be commenced by complaint under oath, within sixty days from the time such offence was committed, before any justice of the peace in the county where such offense was committed, or where the defendant may reside or be found; and all fines and penalties imposed and collected under the provisions of this act, shall be paid, one-half to the complainant and one-half into the school fund of the county where such conviction takes place.

SEC. 4. It is hereby made the duty of constables and all others residing within said county, having knowledge of the violation of any of the provisions of this act, to make complaint thereof to any justice of the peace in the county where such offense was committed, or where the defendant may be found, and such justice shall upon such complaint being made, issue his warrant for the arrest of such offender, and shall, upon the arrest of such offender, and the return of such warrant, proceed to hear and determine the matter in issue in the same manner as in other prosecutions before justices of the peace.

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

Approved March 1, 1879.