

WOULD TAKE STRIPED BASS FROM PARKER RIVER WITH BOW NETS

(Special to the Times.)

State House, Boston, January 29.—Residents of the towns of Newbury, Rowley and Georgetown made an urgent plea before the legislative committee on conservation for the suspension for two months of the law prohibiting the taking of striped bass from the Parker river with bow nets. The bill was introduced as an unemployment relief measure.

At present fish can only be taken from the Parker river by the use of rod and line. The catching of fish by nets is prohibited.

Would Aid Unemployment Situation.

The unemployment situation was described as "acute" by the speakers. They told the committee that they wanted to give the unemployed permission to fish in the river with nets so that they might be able to make a few dollars to support their families. The bill would allow the selection of the three towns to issue permits instead of the division of fisheries and game.

Senator Cornelius F. Haley of Rowley informed the committee that the resources of the towns are taxed to the utmost by the strenuous effort being made to promote public building and repair work. He said that many of the people were too proud to apply for public aid and all they want is a chance to earn a living. The Rowley Senator said that extreme poverty kept many from being able to appear in favor of the bill.

Others in favor were: George C. Parsons, Fred Rogers, John Marsh, Benjamin Pierson, Jr., representing the "only remaining industry in Newbury." Representatives Rolfe of Newbury and Herbert Urquhart of Georgetown also spoke in favor of the proposed legislation.

The opposing speakers, most of them representatives of sportsmen's organizations, charged the petitioners in effect with "killing the goose which lays the golden egg." The present bass and perch fishing facilities of the Parker river they believed was a source of revenue to the townspeople because of the fact that so many fishermen from all over the state flock to these communities during the fishing season and spend a great deal of money in dinners, bait, guides, boats, etc. The sportsman, they claimed, pays a great deal more per pound than a striped bass or perch is worth to catch it on a hook.

Would Lose More Than Gained.

David A. Hollywood, representing the Massachusetts Fish and Game Association declared that the local people will lose more than they will gain by making a fierce inroad on the fish reserve. "If the selectmen of these towns are allowed to give out the permits for net fishing instead of the department of conservation, "the rights of the other fishermen of the state are taken away" the speaker concluded.

E. B. Atkinson of Newburyport claimed that he had been unemployed for some time but did not approve of the bill because Parker river was one of the few places in the state where striped bass breed.

SEVEN ARRIVALS REPORTED TODAY

SHORE TRAWLERS AND DRAGGERS LANDED TOTAL CATCH OF 16,000 POUNDS.

Seven small shore trawlers and druggers reported here this forenoon with fares running from 1200 pounds up to 6000 pounds and totalling 16,000 pounds. Shippers report fishing poor off shore, some of the fleet having been out two days for what few fish they took. Yesterday a half dozen of the gill netting fleet landed 9100 pounds of fish.

Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.

- The arrivals and fares in detail:
- Boat Pauline S., trawling, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.
- Boat Angie and Venice, dragging, 1200 lbs. fresh fish.
- Boat Maria Concetta, trawling, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.
- Boat Margaret D., dragging, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.
- Boat Uncle Sam, dragging, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Boat C.4188, trawling, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.
- Boat St. Peter, dragging, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Carrie S. Roderick, via Boston.

Sch. Natalie S., via Boston.

Yesterday's Gill Net Receipts.

- Boat Enterprise, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Boat Agnes and Myrnie, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Boat Mary A., 2500 lbs. fresh fish.
- Boat Mary J. Landry, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Boat Liboria C., 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Boat Alicia, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Boat Virginia and Joan, 600 lbs. fresh fish.

Sailed.

- Sch. William L. Putnam, dragging.
- Sch. Vasco da Gama, dragging.
- Sch. Ruth Lucille, dragging.
- Boat Bettina, dragging.
- Sch. Gertrude L. Thebaud, haddocking.

On the Railways.

Sch. Natalie S., is on Burnham's railways.

BOSTON PRICES LITTLE LOWER

RECEIPTS THIS MORNING TOTAL 675,000 POUNDS AND TWO LOTS OF HALIBUT.

Twenty-eight vessels were in the dock when the Boston fish pier opened up this morning. Total fares amounted to 590,000 pounds of groundfish, 83,000 pounds of mixed fish and 2000 pounds of halibut. Prices slid off from yesterday. Haddock opened at \$4 to \$4.50; large cod, \$3 and markets, \$2 to \$2.50.

Several large lots of frozen salmon and halibut were received by rail from the West Coast, 298 boxes arriving from Seattle, Wash. From Shippegan, N. B., 1968 boxes of frozen smelts, which are finding a good demand and fairly high prices in the Boston market.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

- The arrivals and fares in detail:
 - Sch. Doris M. Hawes, 7000 haddock, 3000 mixed fish.
 - Sch. Vandal, 14,000 haddock, 3500 cod, 4600 mixed fish.
 - Sch. R. Eugene Ashley, 14,000 haddock, 1500 cod, 5300 mixed fish.
 - Sch. Amelia M. Pereira, 35,000 haddock, 6000 mixed fish.
 - Sch. Corinthian, 42,000 haddock, 10,000 mixed fish.
 - Sch. Gertrude Parker, 57,000 haddock, 1500 cod, 1800 mixed fish.
 - Boat Old Glory, 22,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 4200 mixed fish.
 - Boat Venture II., 12,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 6000 mixed fish.
 - Sch. Elvira Gasper, 20,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 1400 mixed fish.
 - Boat John Mantia, 10,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 3000 mixed fish.
 - Sch. Marjorie Parker, 12,000 haddock, 3000 hake.
 - Sch. Funchal, 5500 haddock, 300 cod, 2500 hake.
 - Sch. Natalie S., 3000 haddock, 200 cod, 5000 hake.
 - Sch. Herbert Parker, 7000 haddock, 3000 cod, 6000 hake.
 - Sch. Laura Goulart, 34,000 haddock, 11,000 cod, 6000 hake.
 - Sch. Wanderer, 40,000 haddock, 33,000 cod, 28,000 cusk, 1000 halibut.
 - Sch. Shamrock, 32,000 haddock, 14,000 cod, 35,000 cusk.
 - Sch. Mary E. O'Hara, 35,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 4000 hake, 1000 halibut.
 - Sch. St. John, 2000 haddock, 600 cod, 3300 mixed fish.
 - Boat Joseph D'Ambrosio, 2200 mixed fish.
 - Boat Frances, 2200 mixed fish.
 - Boat Anna Guarino, 1900 mixed fish.
 - Boat Roma, 4300 mixed fish.
 - Boat Mayflower, 1500 mixed fish.
 - Boat St. Joseph, 2400 mixed fish.
 - Boat Eva II., 1800 mixed fish.
 - Boat Mary G., 900 mixed fish.
 - Boat William S., 15,000 mixed fish.
- Haddock, \$4 to \$4.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$3; market cod, \$2 to \$2.50; hake, \$2 to \$3; pollock, \$1.50 to \$2.50; cusk, \$2; gray sole, 7 cents per pound; black backs, 5 cents; yellow tails, 1 cent; sharks, 4 cents; catfish, 1 cent.

Had Engine Trouble.

The Boston fishing schooner Morning Star arrived at Liverpool, N. S., Sunday night to repair engine trouble.

Salt Fish Cargoes.

Sch. William Keene, with a load of salt fish for this port, was to have left Portland this morning, where she has been weather-bound for several days. Sch. Enterprise, another of the Main coastal fleet, is reported at Stonington, Me., with a cargo of salt fish, also for this port.