

that if said State of Minnesota shall at any time cease to use such lot for such purpose or shall alienate or attempt to alienate such lot, title thereto shall revert to the United States.

Approved, May 2, 1932.

[CHAPTER 154.]

AN ACT

For the protection of the northern Pacific halibut fishery.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

SHORT TITLE

Northern Pacific Halibut Act.

Short title.

SECTION 1. That this Act may be cited as the Northern Pacific Halibut Act.

DEFINITION OF TERMS

Terms defined.

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SEC. 2. For the purposes of this Act "close season" shall mean the period from the 1st day of November in any year to the 15th day of February in the next following year, both days inclusive, unless this period or any part thereof shall be opened to fishing by regulation of the International Fisheries Commission, as empowered by the provisions of the Convention for the Preservation of the Halibut Fishery of Northern Pacific Ocean and Bering Sea, signed on behalf of the United States of America and the Dominion of Canada, May 9, 1930, or any other close season hereafter established by the International Fisheries Commission in accordance with the provisions of that convention; "territorial waters of the United States" shall mean the waters contiguous to the western coast of the United States and the waters contiguous to the southern and western coasts of Alaska; "territorial waters of Canada" shall mean the waters contiguous to the western coast of Canada; and "convention waters" shall mean the territorial waters of the United States, the territorial waters of Canada, and the high seas, including Bering Sea, extending westerly from the limits of the territorial waters of the United States and of Canada.

FISHING UNLAWFUL; WHEN

Fishing, etc., for, during closed season, unlawful.

In prohibited waters.

Unintentional catching. Not a violation if used for food.

Or delivered to fishery official.

Sale; use of proceeds.

SEC. 3. It shall be unlawful for any person to fish for, or catch, or attempt to catch, any halibut (*Hippoglossus*) at any time in any of the territorial waters of the United States closed to fishing under the provisions of the above-mentioned convention or by any regulations adopted in pursuance thereof, or under the provisions of this Act, or for any national or inhabitant of the United States to fish for, or catch, or attempt to catch, any halibut at any time in any of the convention waters so closed to fishing, or to violate any regulations established pursuant to the authority of the convention. The unintentional catching of halibut, when legally fishing for other species of fish, shall not constitute a violation of this Act if such halibut shall be used for food by the crew of the vessel catching the same, or be landed and immediately delivered to any official duly authorized by the Secretary of Commerce of the United States to accept delivery, or delivered to the proper authorities of the Dominion of Canada. The halibut delivered to any official of the United States pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be sold to the highest bidder for cash and the proceeds therefrom, exclusive of necessary expenses in connection therewith, shall be covered into the Treasury of the United States.