

Preamble WHEREAS, The quantity of fish in said river is fast diminishing, and will at no distant day, without some wise, prudent and effectual means be adopted to prevent the wanton destruction of the same, cease to be a source of supply of food to the residents along the valley of said stream, and

Preamble. WHEREAS, Strangers and non-residents of this State have been in the habit of fishing in the waters of said Patuxent River, in such manner and by such means as to destroy young and small fish in great numbers, and to effectually prevent the passage of fish up said river to their spawning grounds, and

Preamble WHEREAS, In order to prevent any further wanton destruction of fish in the waters of said river, by such seines, patent weirs, traps and other devices aforesaid; and to protect the citizens of Prince George's, Charles, St. Mary's and Calvert counties, in their rights, therefore—

Repealed and re-enacted SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That section twenty-two, of an act passed at January session, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, chapter one hundred and twenty-eight, entitled an act to repeal section twenty-two, of article forty-one, of the Code of Public General Laws, entitled "Fish and Fisheries," sub-title Patuxent, regulating the right of fishing in the Patuxent River and its tributaries, be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with sub-sections so as to read as follows :

Not be lawful. 22. It shall not be lawful for any person or persons other than *bona fide* residents, citizens of Prince George's, Charles, St. Mary's and Calvert counties, to take or catch fish in the waters of the Patuxent River and tributaries, with any seine, weir, trap or other device, excepting only the hook and line; provided, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to such as shall obtain permission from the owners of lands bordering on said waters, to fish off and opposite his, her or their land or lands so bordering on said waters; and provided that none other than *bona fide* residents citizens of said counties, shall use in any of the waters of said river that bind on Prince George, Charles and Calvert counties, above the village known as Benedict, any seine, weir

Proviso.