

**Chapter 543.**

AN ACT to protect and preserve the fish in the waters of Washington county, Maryland.

Time in which  
it is unlawful.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That it shall not be lawful for any person to catch or kill, or attempt to catch or kill, in the waters of Washington county, or have in possession in said county, any small mouth black bass, large mouth or Oswego black bass, red-eye or rock bass, calico or strawberry bass, warmouth or goggle-eye bass, blue or copper-nose, wall-eye or yellow pike, bullheads or yellow perch in any manner, between the first day of April and the thirtieth day of June in each year, both days inclusive; nor shall any person, at any time, catch or take from the waters of said county, or have in possession, or sell, or offer for sale within said county any small mouth black bass, large mouth or Oswego black bass, wall-eye or yellow pike, cat-fish, bullheads or yellow perch, of less than ten inches in length from end of snout to the end of caudal fin, nor shall any person, at any time, catch or take from the waters of said county, or have in possession, or sell, or offer for sale, any red-eye or rock bass, calico or strawberry bass, warmouth or goggle-eye bass, or blue or copper-nose of less than six inches in length from end of snout to the end of the caudal fin, any person who shall catch or take from said waters any fish mentioned in this section of less length than is herein specified, shall immediately place such fish back in the waters from which it was taken and shall use due care not to kill or injure the same. Any person violating any provision of this section shall, upon conviction before any justice of the peace of said county, forfeit and pay a fine of five dollars for attempting to catch any of said fish, as herein forbidden, and five dollars for each fish so caught, taken, killed, sold or offered for sale, or had in possession; and, in default of payment of such fine and costs of prosecution, shall be committed to the jail of said county for a period of not less than five nor more than thirty days.

Violation.