



100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2017 and 2018

SB1251

Introduced 2/7/2017, by Sen. Napoleon Harris, III

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

515 ILCS 5/15-20 from Ch. 56, par. 15-20
515 ILCS 5/15-30 rep.

Amends the Fish and Aquatic Life Code. Provides that all trout, including lake trout, salmon, and lake whitefish may not be taken by commercial fishing devices, including gill or pound nets. Provides that any incidental catch of trout, including lake trout, salmon, and lake whitefish taken in legal sized gill or pound nets must be returned immediately to the water. Provides that the methods of taking are subject to modification by administrative rule based upon lake-wide scientific assessment data or fishery management need. Repeals a Section concerning commercial fishing.

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1 AN ACT concerning fish.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Fish and Aquatic Life Code is amended by
5 changing Section 15-20 as follows:

6 (515 ILCS 5/15-20) (from Ch. 56, par. 15-20)

7 Sec. 15-20. Commercial fish species designated by the
8 Department ~~Yellow perch, bloater chubs and smelt;~~ method of
9 taking. Bloater chubs, smelt, and yellow perch may be taken in
10 Lake Michigan with gill nets or dip nets but no other net shall
11 be used for taking these fish in Lake Michigan. All trout,
12 including lake trout, salmon, and lake whitefish may not be
13 taken by commercial fishing devices, including gill or pound
14 nets. Any incidental catch of trout, including lake trout,
15 salmon, and lake whitefish taken in legal sized gill or pound
16 nets must be returned immediately to the water. The methods of
17 taking are subject to modification by administrative rule based
18 upon lake-wide scientific assessment data or fishery
19 management need.

20 (Source: P.A. 87-833.)

21 (515 ILCS 5/15-30 rep.)

22 Section 10. The Fish and Aquatic Life Code is amended by

1 repealing Section 15-30.