

§6140-B. Unlawful fishing, possession or sale of Atlantic salmon

1. Prohibition. A person may not fish for Atlantic salmon in violation of the provisions of this Part.

[PL 2007, c. 240, Pt. QQ, §9 (NEW).]

2. Possession of parts prohibited. A person may not possess any part of an Atlantic salmon taken from the inland or coastal waters of this State.

[PL 2007, c. 240, Pt. QQ, §9 (NEW).]

3. Sale of Atlantic salmon prohibited. A person may not sell or offer for sale any Atlantic salmon taken from waters of the State, except Atlantic salmon lawfully raised by means of aquaculture.

[PL 2007, c. 240, Pt. QQ, §9 (NEW).]

4. Exemptions. The following are exempt from the possession prohibitions of this section:

A. Atlantic salmon imported from outside the State; [PL 2007, c. 240, Pt. QQ, §9 (NEW).]

B. Atlantic salmon imported by taxidermists solely for taxidermy purposes; and [PL 2007, c. 240, Pt. QQ, §9 (NEW).]

C. Atlantic salmon raised by means of aquaculture, except that Atlantic salmon raised in a hatchery for the purpose of restoration are not exempt. [PL 2013, c. 301, §7 (AMD).]

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5. Incidental catch. An individual engaged in recreational or commercial fishing for species other than Atlantic salmon does not commit a violation of this section as long as any incidental catch of an Atlantic salmon results in an immediate liberation alive into the adjacent waters of the State.

[PL 2007, c. 240, Pt. QQ, §9 (NEW).]

6. Penalty. A person who violates this section commits a Class E crime, and the court shall impose an additional fine of \$500, none of which may be suspended, for each Atlantic salmon unlawfully possessed.

[PL 2007, c. 240, Pt. QQ, §9 (NEW).]

SECTION HISTORY

PL 2007, c. 240, Pt. QQ, §9 (NEW). PL 2013, c. 301, §7 (AMD).

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