

This PUBLIC BILL originated in the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, and, having this day passed as now printed, is transmitted to the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES for its concurrence.

Legislative Council,
7th July, 1896.

Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.

SEA-FISHERIES ACT AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to further amend the Law relating to Sea-fisheries.

Title.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Sea-fisheries Act Amendment Act, 1896," and it shall form part of and be read with "The Sea-fisheries Act, 1894" (hereinafter called "the principal Act").

Short Title.

2. Section three of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing, in the definition of "oysters," the words "and all edible shell-fish that may be from time to time declared by the Governor to be oysters for the purposes of this Act."

Definition of "oysters" amended.

3. The Governor may from time to time, by Order in Council gazetted, declare—

Edible shell-fish and sponges may be declared subject to Act.

(1.) Any particular species or description of edible shell-fish (other than oysters); or

(2.) Sponges and sponge-beds, either generally or any particular species or description thereof,

to be subject to such of the provisions of the principal Act or this Act relating to oysters or oyster-beds as he thinks fit to specify in that behalf; and thereupon, and until the revocation of such Order in Council, such shell-fish, sponges, and sponge-beds shall be subject to such provisions, *mutatis mutandis*, accordingly.

By Authority: JOHN MACKAY, Government Printer, Wellington.—1896.