

By Senators Mitchell, Smith, King and Cowin

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to Silver Springs and Rainbow Springs; permitting fishing from the shore of the Rainbow River; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 372.27, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

372.27 Silver Springs and Rainbow Springs, etc., closed to all fishing.--It is unlawful for any person to take any fish within Marion County, from the waters of Rainbow Springs and Rainbow River (formerly known as Blue Springs and Blue Springs River) within a radius of 1 mile from the head of Rainbow said Spring, except from the shore of the Rainbow River, or from the waters of Silver Springs or Silver Springs Run from the head of Silver Springs ~~said spring~~ to its junction with the Oklawaha River. However, provided, that the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission may remove or cause to be removed any gar, mud fish, or other predatory fish from either spring or river when in its judgment their removal is desirable.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Revising regulations relating to Rainbow Springs and Silver Springs, and their respective rivers, to allow fishing from the shore of the Rainbow River.