

license to be in the nature and form of a contract between the State of Maryland and the applicant, and shall provide for the payment of a license fee of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00), and shall further provide that the licensee shall turn over to the State of Maryland at least ten percent (10%) of the shells from the oysters shucked in his establishment for the current season, said shells to be removed on or before the twentieth day of August following; or at the discretion of the Commission, its equivalent in money, the value thereof being determined at the market value of shells as of the first day of May following the close of the season. The said Department shall notify each packer or canner on or before the first day of May whether it is its intention to take the ten per cent (10%) of the shells from oysters shucked as aforesaid, or its equivalent in money. Said license shall have effect from the first day of September in the year in which it may have been obtained until the twenty-fifth day of April, inclusive, next succeeding.

(b) *Season for Packing Oysters.* It shall be unlawful for any person to take or catch oysters or to have oysters in his possession between the fifteenth day of April to the first day of September each year, except that oysters caught on or before the fifteenth day of April may be kept in possession through the twenty-fifth day of April; provided, however, that oysters may be taken by dredge or hand scrape at any time in Worcester County and may be shipped in the shell at any time within or from said County.

(c) *Disposition of Packers' License Fee.* All moneys received from packers' licenses shall be paid over to the Comptroller of the Treasury to be credited to the Oyster Fund.

(d) *Disposition of State's Portion of Shells.* All shells received by the Department of Tidewater Fisheries under the provisions of this section shall be transplanted upon such oyster bars of the State as may be reserved by said Department in accordance with the provisions found in Section 11 of this Article; and all money paid by packers in lieu of the State's portion of shells shall be expended in the purchase of shells or seed oysters, likewise to be planted upon such reserved areas.

#### 10. OYSTER MEASURES.

(a) *Measures Used for Oysters in the Shell and Oyster Shells.* All oysters in the shell and all oyster shells sold in this State shall be measured either in a half bushel tub, a bushel tub, a bushel and a half tub or a three bushel tub, and no measures shall be used for measuring either oysters in the shell or oyster shells except an iron circular tub with straight sides and a straight solid bottom, with holes in the bottom for draining;