

rig may be equipped with not more than one blade and one water manifold, the width between the exterior jets thereon not to exceed thirty-six (36) inches. The water jet pipe at each end of the manifold shall be set parallel to, or inclined inward toward, the median vertical longitudinal plane of the dredge.

(1) All hydraulic or mechanical clam dredges operating under the provisions of this section shall have properly installed mufflers on all engines used in the operation of said boat or hydraulic or mechanical clam dredge. The Commission of Tidewater Fisheries may require such modifications to the hydraulic or mechanical clam dredge and/or licensed dredge boats as may be demonstrated to be in the public interest through research in the Department of Research and Education and recommended for adoption by the latter agency.

(2) Any person violating any provision of this sub-title shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than ten dollars (\$10.00) nor more than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

(f) *Display of License.*—The captain, master or operator of any licensed or mechanical dredge boat or rig for the taking of soft shell clams shall always have such license on board his boat while the same is in operation and shall exhibit the same whenever it shall be requested by any duly authorized officer or employee of the Commission of Tidewater Fisheries.

(g) *Minimum Size of Soft Shell Clams.*—It shall be unlawful for any person to have in his possession soft shell clams which contain more than five percent (5%) per bushel of such clams measuring less than two and one-quarter (2-1/4) inches along the longest dimension across the shell.

(h) *Time for Taking and Landing.*—It shall be unlawful for any person to take or catch, or attempt to take or catch, soft shell clams on Sunday, or between sunset and sunrise on any other day, or to land soft shell clams earlier than one hour before sunrise or later than one hour after sunset.

(i) *Prohibited Areas.*—It shall be unlawful to take or catch, or attempt to take or catch, soft shell clams with any hydraulic or mechanical dredge, or with any other type of gear, as follows:

(1) Within fifty (50) yards of any commercially productive oyster area, unless herein especially waived or modified;

(2) Within five hundred (500) yards of any occupied duck blind where decoys are set out, during the legal waterfowl hunting season;

(3) Within fifty (50) feet of any bulkhead, wharf, pier structure or appurtenance constructed or erected in, out in, over or under any of the waters of Queen Anne's County, or the waters of the Chesapeake Bay adjacent thereto, whenever said bulkhead, wharf, pier or structure has been erected or built by virtue of a properly authorized permit issued by the Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army;

(4) Within one thousand (1,000) feet of any public bathing beach during the months of May, June, July, August and September of any year;

(5) Within one hundred (100) yards of any private bathing beach between May first and September thirtieth of any year; provided