

that the private bathing beach is staked and marked by the owners thereof by the erection of a sign, of a readily discernible size, upon which shall be lettered the words "bathing beach", in a readily discernible size, or as may be required by any rule or regulation of the Commission of Tidewater Fisheries; provided, however, that the linear measurement along the shore line shall not exceed one hundred (100) yards for each land owner;

(6) Within fifty (50) feet of the mean low water mark of any shore line.

(j) *Dredge on Unlicensed Boats.*—It shall be unlawful for any owner or master or any person on board any boat or floating rig to have affixed to said boat or floating rig any hydraulic or mechanical dredge while said boat or floating rig is being sailed or operated on the navigable waters of this State, unless said boat or floating rig be licensed as hereinbefore provided.

(k) *Inspection Tax.*—An inspection tax of ten cents (\$.10) per bushel is hereby levied upon all soft shell clams caught within the limits of Queen Anne's County or the Chesapeake Bay adjacent thereto, unloaded from boats or rigs at the place in said county where said clams are no further shipped in bulk in vessel, and said inspection tax shall be paid weekly to the Comptroller of the Treasury, or his agent, by the buyer or purchaser thereof. All monies received by the Comptroller of the Treasury under the provisions of this sub-title shall be credited to a fund known as the Clam Fund, the monies in which shall be for the use of the Department of Research and Education in making quantitative shellfish population surveys and for the study and research of clamming in the State of Maryland, and all other monies received by the Comptroller by the provisions of this section shall be credited to general funds, anything to the contrary in this Article notwithstanding.

(l) *Dealers to Be Licensed.*—Any person desiring to be a dealer in the business of buying and selling, shipping or marketing soft shell clams in, to or from Queen Anne's County, shall first obtain a license from the Department of Tidewater Fisheries as set forth in Section 713 of this Article.

(m) *Confiscation of Soft Shell Clams.*—It shall be the duty of the Commission of Tidewater Fisheries to seize any and all soft shell clams that may be caught, sold, offered for sale, or held in possession in violation of this section, to be disposed of at the discretion of the Commission of Tidewater Fisheries. In Queen Anne's County, the Commission of Tidewater Fisheries is expressly denied, and shall not have the right and authority to confiscate any boat, floating rig, mechanical or hydraulic dredge, truck or motor vehicle, or any part thereof, at any time or to hold or detain for evidence any boat, floating rig, hydraulic or mechanical dredge, truck or motor vehicle for any violation, or alleged violation of this section.

(n) *Soft Shell Clam Productivity.*—It shall be the duty of the Commission of Tidewater Fisheries to take such measures as in its judgment shall seem best calculated to increase the productivity of soft shell clams in the waters of Queen Anne's County and the Chesapeake Bay adjacent thereto.

(o) *Authority to Open and Close Soft Shell Clam Beds.*—The Commission of Tidewater Fisheries is authorized to open and close any