

(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY TO THE WATERS OF THE STATE THAT LIE CONTIGUOUS TO SOMERSET COUNTY IN THE CHESAPEAKE BAY.

(B) A PERSON SHALL BE LICENSED BY THE DEPARTMENT BEFORE THE PERSON MAY CATCH OYSTERS WITH A POWER DREDGE IN THE WATERS OF THE STATE THAT LIE CONTIGUOUS TO SOMERSET COUNTY, AS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.

(C) A PERSON MAY NOT HOLD AN OYSTER HARVESTER LICENSE AND A POWER DREDGE LICENSE SIMULTANEOUSLY. THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE A POWER DREDGE LICENSE ONLY TO THE HOLDER OF AN OYSTER HARVESTER LICENSE, AND THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUSPEND THIS OYSTER HARVESTER LICENSE ON ISSUANCE OF A POWER DREDGE LICENSE UNTIL ANY TIME THAT THE HOLDER SURRENDERS THE POWER DREDGE LICENSE TO THE DEPARTMENT. HOWEVER, IF ANY PERSON WANTS TO REOBTAIN THE PERSON'S PREVIOUSLY VALID OYSTER HARVESTER LICENSE, THE PERSON SHALL RETURN THE PERSON'S CURRENTLY VALID POWER DREDGING LICENSE TO THE DEPARTMENT. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL EXCHANGE AT NO COST THE POWER DREDGING LICENSE FOR THE PERSON'S FORMER, CURRENTLY VALID OYSTER LICENSE.

(D) A PERSON MAY CATCH OYSTERS BY POWER DREDGE ONLY DURING THE POWER DREDGING SEASON FROM NOVEMBER 1 TO MARCH 15 IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

(1) IN THE WATERS OF THIS STATE THAT LIE CONTIGUOUS TO SOMERSET COUNTY, INCLUDING ALL OF THE WATERS FROM THE AREA OF KEDGES STRAITS FROM A LINE DRAWN FROM THE QUICK FLASH BUOY AT FOG POINT EAST TO SOLOMONS LUMP LIGHT, NORTH TO SHEEPSHEAD POINT, AND ALONG THE WEST SIDE OF SOUTH ~~MARCH~~ MARSH ISLAND TO THE CRAB POT LINE ON PRY ISLAND; AND

(2) IN THE WATERS OF TANGIER SOUND, THAT AREA ENCLOSED BY A LINE BEGINNING AT BUOY "8", THEN EASTWARD TO ~~JAMES~~ JANE'S ISLAND LIGHT, THEN TO THE RANGE MARKER AT GREAT POINT, THEN FOLLOWING THE SHORELINE SOUTHWARD TO THE MARYLAND/VIRGINIA LINE, THEN WESTWARD TO BUOY "6", THEN NORTHWARD TO BUOY "8", THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

(E) (1) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF § 4-1008(A) OF THIS SUBTITLE, A PERSON MAY NOT CATCH OYSTERS WITH A POWER DREDGING LICENSE:

(I) ON SATURDAY OR SUNDAY; OR

(II) BEFORE SUNRISE OR AFTER 3:00 P.M. ON ANY DAY MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY.

(2) IN ADDITION TO THE PROVISIONS OF § 4-1013(E) AND (F) OF THIS SUBTITLE, A PERSON WHO HAS A POWER DREDGING LICENSE UNDER THIS SECTION:

(I) HAS A LIMIT OF 12 BUSHELS FOR EACH PERSON OR 24 BUSHELS PER BOAT, WITH A LIMIT OF TWO LICENSED POWER DREDGERS PER BOAT; AND