

shall be good for one season only, and shall only authorize the catching of oysters between the first day of November and the fifteenth day of March, next succeeding. In addition to the tonnage fee hereinbefore provided said clerk at the time of issuing said license shall inquire under oath, of the applicant, how many men he intends to carry on such boat in any capacity and shall receive from said applicant the sum of fifty cents per month for three months for such person so to be carried on said boat and shall endorse the same on such license, and said licensee may in his discretion collect the same from the persons so to be carried on said boat, and until such license is obtained it shall be unlawful to use or employ any vessel in taking and catching oysters as hereinbefore described; provided, that the waters of Talbot county, lying between Black Walnut Point and a line drawn from the southwest corner of second Kent Point to Wade's Point, except the waters between Poplar Island and the mainland lying within a straight line drawn from Paw Paw Point on Tilghman's Island to the southwesternmost point of Poplar Island, and by a straight line drawn from Low's Point on the mainland to the end of North Point on Poplar Island, which are reserved for the taking or catching of oysters with tongs worked exclusively by hand shall be open to the citizens of Talbot county licensed under this section, but it shall be unlawful to take or catch oysters with scrapes, scoops or dredge in any other waters of Talbot county.

Provided further, that the said clerks of said counties as aforesaid, upon application of any owner, a resident for one year in either of said counties, and to no other person, of a boat of the size of ten and fifty-two one hundredth tons gross or under, which was licensed to take oysters as aforesaid with scoop, scrape or dredge in said waters for the dredging season ending March 15th, 1900, be and they are hereby authorized and directed upon a certificate of the admeasurer hereinafter referred to and provided for, and upon full compliance with the provisions for the issuing of license hereinafter referred to, to issue to such owner a license for the use of said boat in taking oysters in the waters aforesaid in the manner aforesaid, but no license shall issue to any boat so licensed for said dredging season ending on March 15th, 1900,