

ing and catching oysters with dredge, scoop or scrape in the waters of the Choptank river, in said counties, for sale from the first day of November and the fifteenth day of March next succeeding, both inclusive, on which last-named day the license shall expire; provided, that nothing in this section shall authorize the taking of oysters with scoop, scrape or dredge above a straight line drawn from the long wharf at Cambridge, known as 'Thomas' Wharf, on the Dorchester shore, to the Bowdle House, on the Talbot shore, immediately opposite, or in any tributary of said river above or below said line; and provided further, that the applicant shall pay such clerk the sum of one dollar and ninety cents per gross ton, according to the capacity of the vessel to be licensed, which capacity shall be determined by gross tonnage, and all boats measuring less than five tons gross shall pay eight dollars for said license, which 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 each 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 any 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 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 the said courts, 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-hundredths tons gross or under, which was

Time specified for catching oysters in Choptank river, etc.

Shall pay certain sum per gross ton. How determined.

Shall pay certain sum: for each person carried on said boat.

Proviso. Waters within certain lines reserved for catching oysters with tongs, etc.

May issue license to owner, a resident for certain time, for boat of stated size, to take oysters with scoop, etc.