

Unlawful for
captain or
other person to
discharge
oysters within
certain hours.

in charge of a vessel to discharge his oysters, or for any packing-house, or any other person, to receive oysters between the hours of 8 o'clock P.M. and 6 o'clock A.M. Any violation of this section shall be a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars and not more than five hundred dollars for each offense on conviction before a court of competent jurisdiction; one-half of said fine to go to the informer and the other one-half to the Comptroller, to be placed to the credit of the oyster fund, unless the informer be an officer of the State Fishery Force. And the general inspectors and measurers or special inspectors shall be on duty continuously during the working or delivery hours, viz: from 6 A.M. to 8 P.M.

Duties of
Measurers and
Inspectors.

12. It shall be the duty of general measurers and inspectors of oysters and other officers of the police force to supervise the operation of this Article and diligently to aid in the enforcement of its provisions, and they or any of them are authorized and empowered to enter into any house or boat or any other place where oysters may be dumped or stored, to inspect the same at any time, and any packer, commission man or boatman who shall refuse to open his house or boat where oysters may be dumped or stored for the inspection thereof by the officer whose duty it shall be to inspect the same, and any person who shall conspire or agree with any other person to evade any of the provisions of this Article, or who shall connive at or participate in such violation shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to the penalties prescribed in Section eleven of this Article.

Unlawful to
catch or
have oysters
within certain
time.

14. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to take or catch oysters or have oysters in his or their possession between the twenty-fifth day of April and the first day of September in each and every year; provided, that oysters caught before the twenty-fifth day of April may be disposed of at any time before the thirtieth day of April; nor shall it be construed to prevent any person from taking oysters at any time from his private beds within the State for private use or transplanting or cultivating, but not for sale. Persons violating the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

Penalty for
violation of
certain
sections.

15. Any person who shall violate any provision of Sections 7 and 14, of this Article, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof before any court of competent jurisdiction shall be fined not less than fifty dollars nor more than three hundred dollars, in the discretion of the court or justice of the peace by which such person shall be tried,