

his command at any time that he or they shall deem it proper to inspect and verify the measurement of any boats and their gross tonnage, and the measurement ascertained by such officers shall be conclusive and final, and any license granted shall be corrected and amended in accordance with such measurement, and the appropriate license fee hereinbefore named paid in accordance with such corrected measurement, and the right granted by any such license already issued shall be suspended until the full payment of such license fee is made; provided, that persons applying for scraping license for boats to dredge in the Chesapeake Bay after the first day of January to the the fifteenth day of March shall be required to pay only one dollar and fifty cents gross ton for such license.

Duty of
Commander of
State Fishery
Force.

34. The Board of Public Works shall have power to appoint a suitable person to command said force; shall be known as the Commander of the State Fishery Force, and shall command the one steamer that is regularly in commission as a part of the State Fishery Force, and to appoint a deputy commander for each sailing vessel for their respective districts from among persons of the counties whose waters comprise the different districts, who shall be commissioned by the Governor, and the said deputy commanders shall have power to appoint their subordinates and select their crews, and the terms of office of said commanders shall be for two years unless sooner removed for incompetency or neglect of duty; and if any of the said officers shall fail in the discharge of his duty by reason of collusion with parties interested in violating any of the provisions of this Article, he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon indictment and conviction in a court of competent jurisdiction shall be fined or imprisoned, at the discretion of the court; no person shall be eligible to the office of commander of the State fishery force or deputy commander who is the owner of, or who has any interest in any scrape or dredge boat, and it is hereby made unlawful for the Board of Public Works to appoint any such person as commander or deputy commander of any boat or vessel in the State fishery force; the steamers and boats belonging to the State fishery force are to be used only on business pertaining to its official duties or on State business.

Appointment
of commander
and deputy
commander.

Eligibility of
commanders.

36. The Board of Public Works shall have power, and it shall be their duty, to keep the steamers and said vessels in good repair, and for the purpose of reducing the expense of the State fishery force the said Board is authorized and hereby required to lay up and put out of commission one steamer,

Power to keep
steamers and
vessels in
repair, etc.