

offending shall be subject to the forfeiture and fine prescribed by the next preceding section.

15*. The owner or occupiers of the regularly hauled fishing landings are authorized to render any sheriff or other officer assistance necessary to arrest any person violating any of the provisions of the two preceding sections; and the said officer shall seize all boats, seines and fixtures in possession of such person, and carry the person so arrested before some justice of the peace, to be dealt with as herein directed; and the said officer may summons the posse comitatus to aid him in making arrest or seizure authorized by this article, and may for that purpose also press, at the expense of the State, any steamboat or other vessel belonging to any citizen of this State not actually engaged in carrying the United States mail.

16*. No person shall fish in the Potomac River or its tributaries during the months of March, April, May and June with gill nets or seines of any kind, other than such nets or seines as may be laid out from and hauled to and landed upon the shores of the said river and its tributaries; and every person so offending shall, upon conviction thereof, forfeit and pay a sum not less than fifty nor more than five hundred dollars, one-half of which sum shall go to the informer, and the other half to the State; *Provided*, that nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent bona fide citizens of the counties bordering on the aforesaid waters from fishing the shores they own or occupy as they have hitherto been in the habit of doing.

17. If any person shall during the months mentioned in the preceding section place any boat, vessel or other obstruction or hindrance in the way of laying out or hauling any seine used in any lawful fishery on said river or its tributaries, or otherwise obstruct or hinder such laying out or hauling, and he or his agents shall fail or refuse forthwith to remove such obstruction or hindrance on being required to do so by the person so obstructed or hindered, he shall pay a fine not less than twenty nor more than one hundred dollars.

18. If any person shall wilfully and maliciously place any obstruction or hindrance in the way of laying out or hauling in any seine in any lawful fishery upon the Potomac River or its tributaries, or in any other manner or way prevent a bona fide owner of a shore, or his agent or tenant, from using or fishing