

such shore, he shall on conviction forfeit and pay not less than fifty dollars nor more than five hundred dollars, or be imprisoned for not less than one month nor more than one year; this and the preceding section not to apply to any obstruction or hindrance by unavoidable accident or stress of weather.

19. Any owner or occupier of a fishery on the Potomac may cause and permit all vessels employed by him in carrying on his business to be anchored or moored opposite his shore, but not so as to interfere with the rights of the owners or occupiers of adjoining shores in laying out their seines.

20. The provisions of this article in relation to fishing on the Potomac River shall be of no force or validity unless the same shall have been or shall hereafter be adopted by the State of Virginia, or similar laws be passed by that State in relation to said river.

21. It shall not be lawful for any person, other than the owner or by permission of the owner, to take or carry away from any shore of the Potomac River below Fort Washington, which has been or may be used as a fishery, any sand, gravel or other matter that may form a part of said shore, to the amount of ten bushels or more, with the intention of converting the same to his own use, and any person so doing shall be adjudged guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof in the Circuit Court for the county in which such misdemeanor was committed, shall be fined not less than five nor more than one hundred dollars, and be confined in the county jail not less than thirty nor more than ninety days.

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22. No person shall cause to be erected any gill net, seine, or other obstruction in the Patuxent River or its tributaries, except citizens residing in the counties bordering on the said river or its tributaries, and persons authorized to do so by the owner or occupier of land bordering on said river and its tributaries, and any person so offending shall pay a fine of twenty dollars, and shall forfeit the boat, net, seine and fishing apparatus, and any thing on board of the boat at the time of committing the offence.

23. No person shall stake down any seine or net across the Patuxent River for the purpose of taking shad or herrings, nor