

shall any person whip, thrash or beat the waters of the Patuxent River with poles or any other instruments for the purpose of driving fish into any seine or net; any person violating this section shall pay a fine of twenty dollars.

RIVERS IN TALBOT, DORCHESTER AND CAROLINE COUNTIES.

24. No person shall take or catch fish in the waters of Talbot, Dorchester or Caroline counties, except the citizens of said counties, and except such residents of this State as may obtain the permission of the owner or occupier of land bordering on any of the said waters; *Provided*, that any person so obtaining permission shall not employ in his service any other than a bona fide resident of this State.

25. Any person violating the preceding section shall pay a fine of not less than five nor more than fifty dollars, and forfeit the boat or vessel in his possession, together with the seine, tackle, and all things on board at the time the offence may be committed.

WYE RIVER, AND THE RIVERS IN QUEEN ANNE'S AND KENT COUNTIES.

26. If any person shall haul a seine in Wye River, or any of the rivers of Queen Anne's or Kent counties, without the permission of the owner or occupant of the shore where such seine may be hauled, such owner or occupant may seize by way of distress the seine, boat, tackle and every thing on board the boat, and may have the damages sustained by him by reason of such hauling of a seine ascertained by a justice of the peace, or by three citizens to be summoned and sworn by a justice of the peace, and when the damages are so ascertained, the owner or occupant of such shore may have the seine, boat and articles so distrained appraised and sold to pay such damages.

27. All fines and penalties imposed by the preceding sections of this article, if they do not exceed one hundred dollars, may be recovered by action of debt in the name of the State before a justice of the peace, and if over one hundred dollars, by indictment in the Circuit Court for the county where the offence is committed.