

nection with raising an appropriation for the cutting of the inlet. It is also expected that the Federal Government will cooperate in helping defray the expense of cutting the inlet and maintaining same after it is finished. The bond issue will be deferred until the Federal Government makes a proper appropriation.

The feasibility of cutting the inlet has been favorably passed upon by the Engineers of the War Department.

FISH

A number of Conservation laws relating to fish were enacted at this session of the General Assembly and they are principally as follows:

1—The question of prohibiting the purse and buck nets in the waters of the State was definitely settled this year as a law was passed prohibiting the use of these nets after November 1, 1931.

This undoubtedly engaged the attention of the public more than any other single conservation law during the session as the State was thoroughly aroused against the use of these nets.

2—Anchored gill nets are prohibited in the headwaters of the Bay above a line drawn from Robins Point, Harford County, to the mouth of Fairlee Creek, Kent County.

3—The season on shad and herring was extended in the Bay and its tributaries except the Potomac River below Poole's Island.

4—The elimination of certain kinds of fishing in Talbot County was enacted in which haul seines and pound nets were practically eliminated in nearly all the waters of that county.

5—Haul seines are prohibited in Big Black Water River, Dorchester County. Fishing in any manner, except hook and line, eelpots and gill nets, is prohibited in certain waters of Cabin Creek, Warwick River, Goose Creek, and Indian Creek of the same county.

6—Effective June 1st, the waters of Worcester County are subject to license for pound nets, haul seines and gill nets. There has also been a small license provided on pound nets within three miles of the shore of Worcester County.

7—Gigging for fish in tidal waters is now prohibited. This makes this measure State-wide in effect.

8—The provisions of the law governing the catching of game and fresh waters fish above tide were amended so as to make the seasons very much clearer and more readily understood. The month of June was added to the season for the catching of rock, striped bass, Susquehanna salmon, suckers, catfish, carp, eels and gudgeon.

Dip netting and outlines are prohibited in the future.

The age at which an angler's license must be secured, has been reduced from sixteen to fourteen years.

In arriving at the creel limit for trout and bass of any specie, there must be included in the county such fish as may be under or over-size and returned to the water. Heretofore, an angler thought he had a right to catch fish until he had reached his limit of ten legal sized fish.

9—The Non-Resident Angler's License now carried a special feature which prohibits a non-resident from fishing during our open season at such times or on such days as fishing is prohibited in the State of which the licensee is a resident.

FISH HATCHERIES

The Department is actively engaged in rearing fresh or game fish, and has established in Western Maryland, in Frederick County at Lewistown, a trout hatchery with a capacity of about one-half million fish.