

ratification of the act of 1896, chapter 427, by Virginia and West Virginia, and become the law of Maryland by proclamation by the governor of this State on May 6, 1897.

1904, art. 39, sec. 43. 1888, art. 39, sec. 43. 1882, ch. 440. 1896, ch. 393.

43. It shall not be lawful for any person to catch or kill any black bass, green bass, pike or pickerel or wall-eyed pike (commonly known as salmon) in the tributaries of the Potomac river between the fifteenth day of April and the first day of June of each year, nor catch or kill any of said species of fish at any other time during the year save only with a rod, hook and line or dip-net.

Ibid. sec. 44. 1888, art. 39, sec. 44. 1882, ch. 440. 1896, ch. 393.

44. Any person violating the provisions of section 43 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punishable on conviction by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding six months or by a fine not exceeding two hundred dollars, or by fine and imprisonment.

Ibid. sec. 45. 1888, art. 39, sec. 45. 1882, ch. 440. 1896, ch. 393.

45. The provisions of sections 43 and 44 shall not be applicable below the Little Falls near Washington and shall not apply to that part of the waters of the Monocacy river and its tributaries lying in Creagerstown and Woodsboro districts, Frederick county, and Middlebury district in Carroll county from the bridge over the Monocacy river on the turnpike road leading from Woodsboro to Creagerstown in Frederick county to the head of the Monocacy river and its tributaries.

Ibid. sec. 46. 1888, art. 39, sec. 47. 1860, art. 41, sec. 17. 1845, ch. 148, sec. 2.

46. If any person shall during the months of March, April, May and June 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 of not less than twenty nor more than one hundred dollars.

Ibid. sec. 47. 1888, art. 39, sec. 48. 1860, art. 41, sec. 18. 1852, ch. 125, sec. 1.

47. 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 on 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.