

oyster season current at the time the Commander reopens same, as above provided. Thereafter the said areas shall be thrown open to public use in the same manner as other natural beds and bars are now used, unless the said areas are again set aside for replenishing, in accordance with the provisions of this sub-title. Any person who shall catch oysters upon such reserved areas contrary to the provisions, conditions and restrictions of this section, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be imprisoned in jail or in the House of Correction, for not less than three months, nor more than one year, in the discretion of the Court.

1914, ch. 753.

135. The Comptroller of the State Treasury shall pass the amount of the special charge or tax of five cents per bushel, provided for by this sub-title, to the credit of a fund to be known as the "Oyster Conservation Fund." This fund shall be drawn upon only for reimbursing to persons holding the Deputy Commander's certificates, the expense of catching, removing and transplanting seed oysters, not to exceed five cents per bushel; and any excess thereafter remaining may be used by the Commander for purchasing oyster shells or obtaining other seed oysters, to be transplanted under the direction of the Commander upon such areas within the location mentioned in Section 133, as may be hereafter set apart by him for that purpose.

1914, ch. 753.

136. The Commander of the State Fishery Force shall assign one or more boats of the force to guard areas reserved under the provisions of this sub-title, and to supervise the taking of oysters therefrom. The said boat or boats shall remain on guard throughout each oyster season in which the reservation of such areas continues; and when such areas are reopened for public use, it shall be the duty of the Deputy Commander of the said boat or boats to prevent oysters caught upon such areas from being removed contrary to the provisions of this sub-title, and to arrest all violators of such provisions.

1914, ch. 753.

137. It shall be the duty of the Commander of the State Fishery Force to report in detail to the General Assembly of Maryland concerning the progress of the work under this sub-title for replenishing the natural beds, bars and rocks, such report to be printed and submitted immediately prior to the convening of said Assembly in each of the years 1916 and 1918, to the end that the system of replenishing natural beds, bars and rocks may, if successful, be extended to other localities of this State.