

spector, whose duty it shall be to inspect, measure and report upon such oysters in the same manner as upon other oysters caught and sold in this State.

(4) Oysters caught upon reserved areas shall not be shipped out of the State of Maryland until the special charge or tax shall have been paid.

(5) Oysters caught upon reserved areas shall be culled in accordance with the existing law relating to culling, and the under-sized oysters shall be returned to the natural bars from which they were taken.

(6) Before any oysters are caught upon such reserved areas, the captain of each vessel shall take out a special license from the Commission, at a cost of one dollar per vessel, such license to be issued only after the captain of such vessel has taken an oath before a member of said Commission, or their agent, that he will not remove oysters caught upon such reserved areas until the deputy commander's certificate in the form above provided, has been issued to him, that he will faithfully comply with all provisions of law regulating the catching of oysters upon reserved areas, and that he will pay, or cause to be paid, the special charge or tax upon all such oysters so caught by him.

Catching oysters upon such reserved areas shall continue subject to the foregoing conditions and restrictions during the remainder of the oyster season current at the time the Commission re-opens 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 for not less than three months, nor more than one year, in the discretion of the Court.

1914, ch. 753. 1917, ch. 12, sec. 135.

135. The Comptroller of the State Treasury shall pass the amount of the special charge or tax, provided for by this sub-title, to the credit of the "Conservation Fund." This fund shall be drawn upon for reimbursing to persons holding the deputy commander's certificates, the expense of catching, removing and transplanting seed oysters, to be determined by the Commission but not to exceed ten cents per bushel; and any excess of said tax thereafter remaining may be used for purchasing oyster shells or other cultch or obtaining other seed oysters, to be transplanted upon such areas as may be hereafter set apart for that purpose.