

any time between the first of March and the first of June in each year; and any person so offending shall forfeit the vessel and tackle used in such fishing and all the nets, apparatus and devices for taking fish and also pay a fine of fifty dollars for each offense.

An. Code, sec. 2. 1904, sec. 2. 1888, sec. 2. 1854, ch. 310. 1868, ch. 421. 1876, ch. 252. 1878, ch. 276. 1880, ch. 260.

2. No person shall, from the tenth day of June to the first day of October in each year, fish with hauling seine or drag-net of any kind within the Chesapeake bay or any of its tributaries lying northward of the following line, viz: beginning at Still Pond in Kent county and drawn westward to Lego's point in Harford county.

An. Code, sec. 3. 1908, ch. 740. 1914, ch. 828.

3. No person shall at any time be allowed to fish with purse nets at any point in the Chesapeake Bay above or north of a line drawn east from Robin's Point on the Western Shore to Handy's Point on the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

Restrictions in act, 1914, ch. 828, as to size of mesh, and ownership of boats to be used in connection with use of nets, were intended only to apply to those engaged in industry of fishing for food fish; hence comptroller may issue a license for a purse or buck net with mesh of any size to be used in catching non-food fish, provided applicant is owner and operator of net or nets. Object and history of this and following section. How statutes are to be construed. *Overton v. Harrington*, 126 Md. 33.

An. Code, sec. 4. 1908, ch. 740. 1914, ch. 828. 1917, ch. 14.

4. No person shall fish with purse or buck nets within the State of Maryland south of the line drawn as aforesaid without first obtaining a license so to do from the Comptroller of the Treasury, and then only from June 15th to November 1st of each year, and the applicant shall pay the sum of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each and every purse or buck net owned and operated by him, whereupon the said Comptroller shall issue to such applicant a license or licenses to operate such purse or buck nets, and all moneys arising from said license shall be paid into the State Treasury to the credit of the Conservation Fund, and any person failing to procure such a license and violating this provision of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction shall be subject to the fines and penalties imposed by Section 5 of this article, and to the penalties imposed by the Statutes of Maryland for failure to procure licenses wherever required by law. It shall be unlawful to use a purse or buck net with a mesh less than three inches for the catching of food fish, and no license shall be issued by the Comptroller of the Treasury for the use of a purse or buck net with a mesh less than three inches, and it shall be unlawful to fish with purse or buck nets within any of the waters of this State for the purpose of catching menhaden or any other kind of fish for the manufacture therefrom of oil or guano, or for any other use than food; and any person or persons violating this provision shall upon conviction be subject to a fine not exceeding three hundred dollars, each day's illegal fishing to constitute a separate offense. Notwithstanding