

which he resides in relation to the taking and catching of fish; provided, nothing in this section shall apply to any person using a net solely for the purpose of supplying his own table. Such oyster inspector or other authorized officer shall thereupon grant license to use such net or other device, and state in such license the name or names of the person or persons who shall use the same, the place at which it is to be located or used, the season for which said license is granted, which season shall begin on the first day of February in any year and end on the thirty-first day of January of the year following and the amount of tax as prescribed by the laws of the State where issued.

Any citizen of either Maryland or Virginia desiring to take or catch crabs from the waters of the Potomac River by any method, or any person desiring to engage in the business of buying crabs for picking or canning or shipping the same, shall pay to the oyster inspector or other designated official in the district in which he resides such specific license tax as is prescribed by the State of which he is a resident.

If any person shall use or set, or cause to be used or set, any such net or seine as aforesaid, or shall take or catch crabs in the waters of the Potomac River within the jurisdiction of the State of Maryland or Virginia without having first paid the tax and obtained the license provided for under the laws of the State in which such net is set or crabs are taken, he shall be deemed guilty of a violation of the provisions of this section, and shall, for each such violation, be fined not less than ten dollars nor more than two hundred dollars, and shall forfeit to the State such net or other fishing devices used in said violations.

It shall be unlawful for any person to use a haul seine or pound net head or pocket having a smaller mesh than two inches, stretched measure, for the purpose of catching food fish. Any net having a funnel mouth, round mouth, or square mouth, with head above water, shall be construed as a pound net. Any person or persons using a net in violation of this provision shall be fined not less than ten dollars nor more than one hundred dollars for each offense, and such net or nets shall be forfeited to the State.

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63. The use of any beam trawl, trammell net, troll net or any similar device is absolutely prohibited in the waters of the Potomac river or any of its tributaries. Any person, firm or corporation violating the provisions of this Section shall on conviction thereof before any Justice of the Peace of any County of this State most accessible, forfeit said net or nets, or device, together with all boats, vessels and tackle used in the violation of this Section and fined a sum of not less than fifty dollars and not more than one hundred dollars, or to be subject to both fine and forfeiture, in the discretion of the Justice of the Peace trying the case. Provided, however, that nothing in this section shall be construed, in any manner, to prohibit the catching of fish through the method of seine hauling and pound net or gill net fishing as heretofore permitted, by license or otherwise, under the laws of the State of Maryland.