

to be published in local papers thirty days prior to such action; provided, that said published notice shall become void and of no effect at any time during the period of thirty days after the publication of said notice by the filing of a petition with the Board of Shell Fish Commissioners signed by twenty-five licensed oystermen entitled to take oysters from the bars or parts of bars designated by the said notice.

An. Code, sec. 121C. 1912, ch. 539, sec. 119C.

142. For the purpose of performing the duties imposed upon the Board of Shell Fish Commissioners by sections 140 and 141, they may employ a superintendent of natural oyster bars, or designate one of the employees of the Board of Shell Fish Commissioners to act as such, and it shall be the duty of such superintendent, under direction of the Board of Shell Fish Commissioners, to give personal supervision to the work of cultivating and restoring the natural oyster bars designated for that purpose by the order of the Board of Shell Fish Commissioners.

An. Code, sec. 121D. 1912, ch. 539, sec. 119D.

143. The Board of Shell Fish Commissioners, in addition to taking such measures of conservation of natural oyster bars as in its judgment seems advisable, shall purchase from the lowest responsible bidder, shell or oysters or other material at such places and in such quantities as may be needed for the purpose of restoring the natural oyster bars, and in inviting proposals for such shells or oysters they may prescribe that the shells or oysters shall be delivered at a convenient place for shipment, or they may require that the said shells or oysters be delivered and distributed by the sellers thereof on such particular natural oyster bars, or parts of bars, as the Board of Shell Fish Commissioners may be engaged in cultivating and restoring, and the Board of Shell Fish Commissioners shall have the power to cause such shells or oysters to be properly distributed on the designated natural oyster bars, or parts of bars, under the direction of the superintendent or natural oyster bars.

An. Code, sec. 121E. 1912, ch. 539, sec. 119E.

144. For the purpose of discharging the duties imposed upon it by the four preceding sections, the Board of Shell Fish Commissioners shall have the same control and direction and be to the same extent over the State Fishery Force, as is given to said Board of Shell Fish Commissioners by section 115 of this article.

An. Code, sec. 121F. 1912, ch. 539, sec. 119F.

145. The said Board of Shell Fish Commissioners shall in no case contract any obligation or incur any indebtedness for the restoring and reselling of natural oyster bars in excess of money at the time of the incurring of said obligation or contracting of said debt in the State Treasury to the credit of the "Fund for Conservation of Natural Oyster Bars."