

Reserved Areas.

An. Code, sec. 132. 1914, ch. 753. 1917, ch. 12, sec. 132.

156. The Conservation Commission of Maryland is hereby authorized to select and reserve for oyster conservation, as provided in this sub-title, any portion or portions of the natural beds, bars and rocks of the Chesapeake Bay in dredger's area to be replenished by transplanting of small oysters, shells or other cultch, or in other feasible manner which the Commission may deem best. The Commission shall give notice of said reservation by advertisement to be inserted once a week for three successive weeks, in a newspaper published in Baltimore City, and in the County where the reserved area is located, which advertisement shall describe the area reserved and give the date on which the reservation takes effect, and shall warn all persons not to catch or disturb oysters upon such reserved area until further notice from the Commission reopening same for public use. Whenever in the discretion of the Commission such reserved area shall have been replenished, but in no event later than three years after the beginning of such reservation it shall fix a date for reopening same to the public, and shall give notice thereof by proper advertisement inserted as above provided. Any person who shall catch or disturb any oysters upon such reserved areas between the date such reservation begins and the date fixed by the Commission for re-opening same, 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.

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157. Any resident of the State eligible to hold a dredger's or scraper's license may make application to the Conservation Commission at its office in Baltimore for a permit to catch and remove seed oysters, at any time between March 15th and May 15th, or between September 15th and November 1st, in each year, from any bottoms not leased of the Chesapeake Bay or tributaries in dredger's territory where an abundance of small oysters may occur which in the opinion of the Commission would secure better results by being transplanted. The Commission may issue such permit, and shall describe therein the particular portion of said bottoms from which seed oysters are to be taken, and shall fix the manner and the time for catching same. The person holding such permit shall transport all seed oysters caught by him directly to such reserved areas within the limits prescribed in Section 156, as may be designated by the Commission, and there transplant same in the presence of a deputy commander of the State Fishery Force, whose duty it shall be to see that such seed oysters are transplanted in a proper manner and upon the designated areas. The deputy commander shall thereupon issue a certificate to the person so transplanting seed oysters, which shall state as accurately