

one of which shall be retained and the other shall be delivered to the ultimate buyer of said oysters as hereinbefore stated. The third copy shall be forwarded by the deputy commander to the office of the Commission.

(2) Oysters caught upon reserved areas shall not be removed therefrom until the deputy commander in charge thereof shall have issued said certificates, as above provided.

(3) Said oysters shall be inspected and measured at the place of sale where the oysters are to be no further shipped in bulk in vessels, and before unloading the captain of each vessel shall exhibit and deliver to the buyer one of the certificates furnished by the deputy commander, showing that such cargo of oysters is subject to the special charge or tax. Such oysters shall be unloaded only in the presence of an inspector, 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.

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

159. 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