

PART 4.

Crabs.

1929, ch. 471, sec. 85. 1929, ch. 186, sec. 102.

93. *Closed Season.* It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to take, catch or gather hard shell crabs in any of the waters of the State of Maryland, except in the waters of Worcester County, between the first day of November and the first day of May next succeeding in each and every year.

1929, ch. 471, sec. 85. 1929, ch. 186, sec. 102A.

94. *Worcester County.* It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to take, catch or gather crabs in any of the waters of Worcester County between the first day of October and the first day of April next succeeding, in each and every year.

1929, ch. 471, sec. 86.

95. *Crabber's Licenses.* Any resident of Maryland desiring to take or catch crabs from the waters thereof for market, and each person working on any boat used in taking or catching of crabs, shall first obtain a numbered license from the clerk of the circuit court for the county in which he resides, or from the clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, if he resides in Baltimore City, and shall pay the sum of \$2, and in addition thereto twenty-five cents to the clerk of the Court for issuing same, which license shall be good for the year of issuance only and shall entitle the person obtaining same to take or catch crabs by any of the methods now used, including scrape, nets, dip nets or trot line. Provided, that such license shall not authorize the taking or catching of crabs in any creek, cove, river, inlet, bay or sound within the limits of any county other than that wherein the license shall have been granted; provided that nothing in this section shall be so construed as to prevent the citizens of counties divided by a river from using such dividing river in common. All persons taking or catching crabs under the provisions of this Article shall exhibit their license for so doing when required by any officer of the oyster police force, or other officers of the State. Boys twelve years of age and under shall not be required to obtain a license. Non-residents of Maryland shall not be permitted to catch crabs from the waters thereof for market. Residents of Baltimore City may be licensed to catch crabs in Anne Arundel or Baltimore Counties. And providing further that in all the waters of the Chesapeake Bay lying near the mouth of the Patuxent River, viz; that is to say, those waters above a line drawn at Cedar Point in St. Mary's County to Cove Point in Calvert County, and below a line drawn from Drum Point in Calvert County to Hog Point in St. Mary's County, crabbing with a trot line is prohibited by any except bona fide residents of the counties bordering on the Patuxent River.