

An. Code, 1924, sec. 15. 1912, sec. 13. 1904, sec. 12. 1894, ch. 380, sec. 11.
1900, ch. 380. 1927, ch. 467, sec. 15.

15. Any packer, commission man, boatman or other person who shall conspire or agree with any other person to evade any of the provisions of this Article, or who shall continue at or participate in such violation shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. It shall be unlawful for any captain or other person in charge of a vessel to discharge his oysters, or for any packing house or any other person to receive oysters between the hours of one hour after sunset and one hour before sunrise. Any violation of this Section shall be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars and not more than five hundred dollars for each offense on conviction before a court of competent jurisdiction; one-half of said fine to go to the informer and the other one-half to the comptroller to be placed to the credit of the oyster fund, unless the informer be an officer of the state fishery force. And the general inspectors and measurers or special inspectors shall be on duty continuously during the working or delivery hours, viz.: from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset.¹

Time for Taking Oysters.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 18. 1912, sec. 16. 1904, sec. 15. 1894, ch. 380, sec. 14.
1900, ch. 380. 1927, ch. 463, sec. 18.

18. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to take or catch oysters or have oysters in his or their possession between the fifteenth day of April and the first day of September in each and every year; provided, that oysters caught before the fifteenth day of April may be disposed of at any time before the twentieth day of April; nor shall it be construed to prevent any person from taking oysters at any time from his private beds within the State for private use or transplanting or cultivating but not for sale.

Dredging.

1927, ch. 475.

22A. It shall be unlawful for any person to use or employ in catching or taking oysters in the waters of the State or to have in his possession any scoop, dredge, scrape or similar instrument having a tooth bar more than 60 inches in length measuring from the outside teeth. No "devil catcher," "devil diver" or similar device shall be had in possession or used on any dredge boat or vessel by any captain or any other person for the purpose of being attached to the dredge for steering same to the bottom.

Any person violating the provisions of this Section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined the sum of \$50.00 and in addition thereto such scoop, dredge, scrape or similar instrument shall be confiscated. Upon second offense, in addition to the above penalties, any license which may have been issued under the provisions of Sec-

¹ Sec. 2 of ch. 467 of the acts of 1927 repealed all laws inconsistent therewith to extent of inconsistency.