

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 Commissioner at a cost of five dollars per vessel, such license to be issued only after the captain of such vessel has taken an oath before said Commissioner, or his agent, that he will not remove oysters caught upon such reserved areas until the Deputy Commander's certificates 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 Commissioner reopens same, as above provided unless the Commissioner shall have named a prior closing date, in which event the area shall remain closed until it is opened to the public in the same manner as hereinbefore provided. If, after the close of the then current oyster season, the Commissioner does not again set aside the said area for replenishing, it shall at the beginning of the following season be thrown open to public use in the same manner as other natural beds and bars are now used. 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 subject to the penalties provided for in Section 156 of this Article.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 161. 1912, sec. 135B. 1917, ch. 12, sec. 135B. 1922, ch. 543. 1927, ch. 123, sec. 161.

**161.** The Conservation Commissioner of Maryland is authorized to select and reserve for a period not exceeding two years for oyster conservation and propagation any portion or portions of the depleted natural beds, bars and rocks of the Chesapeake Bay or its tributaries not to exceed in the aggregate one thousand acres, and to give notice thereof in the manner stated in Section 156, and to transplant thereon seed oysters, shells, or other cultch, or to propagate seed oysters, or for the purpose of protecting the catch of young growth of oysters, or for rehabilitating any depleted natural beds, bars or rocks in the Chesapeake Bay and tributaries. Any person catching oysters upon such area without permission from the Commissioner shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to the penalties prescribed in Section 156.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Sec. 2 of ch. 123 of the acts of 1927 repealed all laws inconsistent therewith to extent of inconsistency.