

1927, ch. 340, sec. 9. 1929, ch. 459, sec. 9.

58. Any person convicted before any Justice of the Peace of this State for violating any of the provisions of this subtitle, shall be fined not less than Fifty (\$50) Dollars, nor more than One Hundred (\$100) Dollars and costs for each and every offense, and shall stand committed to jail until such fine and costs have been paid; and in addition to said fine and costs, the Justice of the Peace shall order the officer making the arrest and securing the conviction to seize and hold in custody all vessels, crafts, sink-boxes, sneak-boats, decoys and all other paraphernalia used in violation of the provisions of this sub-title, and will exclude the gunning rig from the Flats for three legal gunning days, which shall include such gunning days as said gunning rig may have been excluded prior to the determination of the case. Provided, however, in case of appeal, the rig shall be released, but in case the court before whom said appeal is heard sustains the decision of the Justice of the Peace, then said person or persons shall be fined double the amount so imposed by said Justice of the Peace. All moneys received by any Justice of the Peace or any Court shall be transmitted to the Game Warden or State Comptroller on the first day of the month after fine is received, to be credited to the State Game Protection Fund.¹

Otter, Muskrat, Raccoon and Opossum.

1927, ch. 568, sec. 62. 1929, ch. 420.

59. It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt any Muskrat within the State of Maryland, or have the meat or pelts in possession if trapped, caught or killed, between the fifteenth day of March and the first day of January following in each and every year, both dates exclusive, whether same are trapped, caught or killed within the State of Maryland, or any other State, territory or country; provided, however, nothing herein contained shall prohibit the possession of the skins of such animals for business purposes, when dried and cured; provided, that any person may have in possession green skins until the twenty-fifth day of March, following the close of each season, in order to allow skins caught late in the season to become cured for market. It shall be unlawful to pursue or kill any Otter in this State at any time.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to shoot, or shoot at, or gig, or in any manner kill or catch, except by trapping, any muskrat, and it shall be unlawful for any person to dig for any muskrat or dig into or in any manner molest or destroy any part of a muskrat house or den. And it shall further be unlawful to have in possession any muskrat hide or skins that have been shot at or into or killed in any manner except by trapping; and any muskrat hide perforated with small holes, having the appearance of shot or bullet holes, shall be *prima facie* evidence that it was a muskrat so shot or killed. It shall be unlawful for any person at any time to use or have in possession for use a light for the purpose of hunting muskrats at

¹ Sec. 2 of ch. 340 of the acts of 1927 and sec. 2 of ch. 459 of the acts of 1929 repealed all laws inconsistent therewith to extent of inconsistency.