

County, shall first obtain, by application to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Dorchester County a separate license for every person to be employed on such boat; and that any resident of Dorchester or Talbot Counties desiring to take or catch oysters with rakes or tongs for sale in the water of the Choptank River within said Counties shall first obtain, by application to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the County wherein he may reside, a separate license for every person to be employed on such boat, and such license shall have effect from the first day of October in the year in which it has been obtained until the twenty-fifth day of April, inclusive, next succeeding; except in the Choptank River in said Counties wherein it shall effect from the 15th day of September; provided, that nothing in this Act shall be so construed as to prevent the citizens of Dorchester and Talbot Counties obtaining an oyster license under this Act from using the waters of the Choptank River in common, or the citizens of Dorchester and Wicomico Counties from using the waters of the Nanticoke River in common.*

1900, ch. 273, sec. 1.

383. The waters of Talbot County lying within the following lines—that is to say, from a line drawn from Lowe's Point on the mainland to North Point on Poplars Island; thence to the buoy on North Point of Poplars Island; thence to Wade's Point buoy; thence to Wade's Point, are hereby open to residents of Talbot County who may hold a license to take oysters with scrape, scoop or dredge in the water of Talbot County, issued by the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Talbot County.

1900, ch. 273, sec. 2.

384. Any person who shall take oysters with scrape, scoop or dredge within the limits defined in the preceding section, without having first obtained a license, as provided in said section, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof by any Judge of the Circuit Court or justice of the peace of said county, before whom such case may be tried, shall be fined not less than twenty-five dollars, nor more than one hundred dollars, or forfeit the boat or vessel in possession of the party offending, together with papers, furniture and tackle on board, or both, in the discretion of the judge or justice trying such case.†

1898, ch. 403, sec. 1.

385. The following waters of Talbot county are hereby declared as to be used only for taking and catching oysters with tongs worked exclusively by hand, namely, by a straight line drawn from Paw-Paw point, on Tilghman's Island, to the southwesternmost point of Poplar Island, and by a straight line from Lowe's point, on the mainland, to the end of North point, on Poplar Island, and all the waters of Talbot county within said lines shall be used only by tongers who take or catch oysters with tongs

*Sec. 2, ch. 522, 1910, repealed all laws inconsistent therewith.

†Sec. 3, ch. 273, 1900, repealed all laws inconsistent therewith.