

1892, ch. 130. 1920 Code, sec. 214.

167. It shall be unlawful for any person to remove from the natural rocks in the waters of the Synepuxent Bay in Worcester County any oysters of a less size than two and one-half inches in length, and that any person upon conviction of having removed such oysters of a less size than two and one-half inches in length from said natural rocks, or of having such oysters of a less size than two and one-half inches in length so removed from said natural rocks in said waters, in his possession, shall be fined not less than twenty-five dollars, nor more than one hundred dollars, or be sentenced to the county jail or the House of Correction for not less than one month, nor for more than six months; provided, however, that nothing in the act shall be construed as interfering with the taking of oysters of any size from private beds.

P. L. L., 1888, Art. 24, sec. 172. 1920 Code, sec. 215.

168. It shall be lawful for any resident citizen of Worcester County to plant or lay down oysters in any of the waters of the Synepuxent Bay or its tributaries, except upon the natural rocks in said bay or its tributaries; and any person so planting shall keep the said oysters so planted, staked with stakes, bushes or buoys and four stakes, bushes or buoys shall constitute a sufficient quantity to mark said ground so planted; that is to say, one at each corner of said ground; and in case of storms or ice taking up said stakes, bushes or buoys, or a part of them, one stake, bush or buoy shall be sufficient notice that oysters have been planted there, until the owner has sufficient time thereafter to restake said oyster grounds; and if any person, through mistake or ignorance, should plant upon a natural rock, or part of a rock, it shall be the duty of the County Commissioners of said county, upon the sworn statement of any informant, to appoint and commission three disinterested men, on oath, to go on said oyster ground with the owner and examine and determine the same; and if they shall find a rock in said oyster ground so staked more than twenty feet square, in any one place in said ground, they shall value the same upon oath, and the person so planting shall pay the amount of said valuation to the County Commissioners for the use of said county, and also pay the expense of said commission, not to exceed ten dollars in any one case; and in case said commission shall not find a rock in said ground so planted, more than twenty feet square in any one place, then the informer shall be held bound to pay the expense of said commission, which may be collected as all other claims are collected; or the County Commissioners may require the informer to deposit the amount required to pay said commission, not to exceed ten dollars in any one case.

P. L. L., 1888, Art. 24, sec. 173. 1920 Code, sec. 216.

169. It shall not be lawful for any person, other than the owner, his agent or employee, to work in or among any planted oysters, or within the stakes, bushes or buoys, or where oysters are known to be planted, with any tongs, rakes or any other instrument by which oysters can be