

1929, ch. 471, sec. 26. 1931, ch. 442, sec. 25.

**25. Method of Fishing.** It shall not be lawful to take or catch fish for commercial purposes in the tidal waters of this State by the use of a drag net or drag seine, hauled by boat, beam trawl, trammel net or troll net, or any similar destructive device.

It shall also be unlawful to catch fish for any purpose by means of a gig or gig iron.

1929, ch. 471, sec. 27. 1931, ch. 499.

**26. Regulation of Nets and Seines.** Unless otherwise provided, it shall be unlawful to set, place, construct or use any net of any description except floating gill nets or haul seines, in the waters of this State at a distance greater than one-third the distance across the waters of any bay, sound, river, creek, cove or inlet where such net may be set or used; nor shall any pound or stake nets be closer to another than 400 yards in a parallel line. Nor shall any single line of fish net stakes, including the pound or head and leader or hedging have a length greater than 1,000 feet and between successive pounds or gill nets in the same row, clear and unobstructed intervals of at least 200 feet shall be maintained; nor shall any stake project out of the water less than two feet above the surface of the water at all stations of the tide. The outer end of each pound net shall be plainly marked by a brush or other suitable day marker, readily discernible to indicate the opening between nets. The name of the owner and the license number of each pound net shall be displayed in black letters not less than two inches in height upon a white background on a stake at the outer end of the pound, at such height and in such position that it may be readily seen from adjacent navigable channels; nor to set, place or construct any pound nets or other stake nets in or upon the waters covering leased oyster ground without the permission of the lessee of such ground; nor to haul seine in the waters covering leased oyster ground when stakes or other markers as required by law are placed to designate the location of such leased ground, except by permission of the lessee.<sup>1</sup>

1929, ch. 471, sec. 28. 1931, ch. 175.

**27.** On and after November 1, 1931, it shall not be lawful for any person, at any time, to fish with a purse net or buck net in any of the waters of the State of Maryland.<sup>2</sup>

#### **Further Regulations in County Waters.**

1929, ch. 471, sec. 29.

**28. Anne Arundel.** (a) Pound nets or other similar devices are prohibited at all times in the waters of South River, or in any creek, cove or

<sup>1</sup> Sec. 2 of ch. 499 of acts of 1931 repealed all laws inconsistent therewith to extent of inconsistency.

<sup>2</sup> Sec. 2 of ch. 175 of acts of 1931 repealed laws inconsistent therewith to extent of inconsistency.