

**Sizes of Commercial Fish.**

1929, ch. 471, sec. 50. 1933, ch. 263.

51. No person shall catch or in any manner take or kill, sell, offer to buy or sell or expose for sale, or have in possession any bass, large or small mouth, less than 10 inches; any catfish less than 7 inches; any perch, white or yellow, less than 7 inches; any pike less than 14 inches; any rock otherwise known as striped bass, less than 11 inches in length or weighing more than 15 pounds; any sturgeon weighing less than 20 pounds; any taylor less than 8 inches; measurement in the case of each fish shall be from the tip of the nose to the end of the caudal fin or tail.

**Shad and Herring Season.**

1929, ch. 471, sec. 51. 1931, ch. 30.

52. The season for catching shad and herring in the waters of this State shall be as follows:

(a) In Chesapeake Bay and tributaries, below Poole's Island, except in Potomac River, February 1st to May 31st, both dates inclusive.

(b) In Chesapeake Bay and tributaries, above Poole's Island, March 15th to June 10th, both dates inclusive.

(c) In Chincoteague and Sinepuxent Bays and their tributaries, March 1st to May 31st, both dates inclusive.

(d) In Potomac River, March 1st to May 31st, both dates inclusive.

(e) Provided that in any river, creek, cove or inlet where the Conservation Department is engaged in collecting spawn for hatching purposes, the Conservation Commission is hereby authorized and empowered to make such rules and regulations during the last ten days of the season as it may adopt for the better protection of fish and the collection of spawn for said hatching purposes; provided such rules and regulations shall not shorten the season.

**Licenses.**

1929, ch. 471, sec. 52.

53. Any person desiring to engage in the business of taking or catching fish for commercial purposes by the use of any nets mentioned in this Article within the waters of the State of Maryland, shall first obtain by application to the Clerk of the Circuit Court for the county wherein he may reside, or the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of Baltimore City, a license therefor, and such license shall have effect from the 1st day of January to the 31st day of December, inclusive, in the year in which it may have been obtained; and provided further that such license shall not authorize the taking or catching of fish except as provided for in this Article.

1929, ch. 471, sec. 53.

54. *Oath of Applicant.* Every applicant for license to take or catch fish for sale, under the provisions of this Article, shall be required to make