

of the Choptank River in common; provided, however, that the County Commissioners shall be authorized to give special permission to any woman who has no visible means of support to take and catch oysters without license. Provided, that the open season for the taking or catching of oysters in the Tred Avon River and the tributaries in Talbot County shall be from the first day of September to the fifteenth day of April, each year, both dates inclusive.¹

An. Code, 1924, sec. 2. 1912, sec. 2. 1904, sec. 2. 1894, ch. 380, sec. 2. 1890, ch. 380. 1910, ch. 413, sec. 2 (p. 206). 1927, ch. 127, sec. 2.

2. Each and every license issued in conformity to the provision of Section 1 of this Article shall state the name, color, age and residence of the person to whom the license is to be granted; the number thereof, and the county in which the same is to be used, and every applicant for such license shall pay to the clerks of the circuit court when such license may be granted, and before the issuing and delivery of the same, five dollars, the clerk to receive twenty-five cents for each and every such license as a fee for issuing the same, including administering the oath when required. One-half of the amount received for such license shall be paid by the clerk to the school commissioners for the use of the public schools in the respective counties where such licenses are issued, and of this amount the portion received from white tongers to go to the white schools, and the portion received from the colored tongers to go to the colored schools, and the remaining one-half to be paid over by the clerk to the Comptroller of the State Treasury, to be credited to the oyster fund; and one-half of the amount received from any tonging license in any county in this State shall be paid by the clerk of the circuit court of the county when received to the comptroller of the treasury to be credited to the oyster fund, any provisions of any public local law or public general law to the contrary notwithstanding.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 5. 1912, sec. 5. 1904, sec. 5. 1894, ch. 380, sec. 5. 1924, ch. 564. 1927, ch. 127, sec. 5.

5. If any person shall take oysters with rakes or tongs, for sale, without first having obtained a license as required by the preceding sections of this Article, he shall upon conviction thereof before a Justice of the Peace for the county wherein the offense has been committed be fined not less than twenty nor more than one hundred dollars and stand committed to the county jail till all costs and fines are paid. It shall be unlawful for any person taking oysters with rakes or tongs, for sale or otherwise, to use or have in his possession on any motor boat, any scrape, dredge or other device, and the possession of any such scrape, dredge or other device on any motor boat which may be used in the taking and catching of oysters, shall, and is hereby declared to be a misdemeanor, and the party upon conviction thereof before a Justice of the Peace for the county wherein the offense or

¹ Sec. 2 of ch. 515 of acts of 1933 repealed all laws inconsistent therewith to extent of such inconsistency.