

tions for the protection of fish and oysters in Maryland waters and in the payment of the officers and men and keeping in repair and supplying the necessary means of sailing the boats and vessels of the state fishery force; and the comptroller is hereby required to state in his annual report particularly the receipts and expenditures on account of said funds and the balance standing to the credit of the State at the time of making such report.

Painted Numbers For Dredging Vessels.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 34. 1912, sec. 32. 1904, sec. 31. 1894, ch. 380, sec. 30.
1910, ch. 413, sec. 31 (p. 208). 1927, ch. 127, sec. 34.

34. The Comptroller shall have painted in black figures on white canvas one number corresponding to the license to catch oysters with scoop, scrape, dredge or other similar instruments; each figure shall be twenty-two inches in length and of proportionate width, and the figures at least six inches apart; and he shall give to each person taking out such license one number thereof, which shall be securely sewed upon the starboard side and in the middle of that part of the mainsail which is above the close reef; this number shall be placed in an upright position and worn at all times during the dredging season, and returned to the end of the season, and shall not be concealed or defaced, and no other number shall be exposed to view or used than that which is furnished by the comptroller. Any person who shall violate the provisions of this Section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, as provided in Section 19 of this Article; and in any such case the boat or vessel shall be forfeited and condemned, in the discretion of the judge, in the manner as provided in Section 31. The provisions of this Section shall apply to all boats licensed to take oysters with scrape or scoop by any county in this State, except that the numbers for such boats shall be painted red instead of black; and the numbers shall be delivered by the comptroller to the clerks of the courts as they may be ordered.

Patuxent—Potomac—Choptank.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 57. 1912, sec. 55. 1904, sec. 54. 1904, ch. 522, sec. 1.
1927, ch. 463, sec. 57.

57. It shall be unlawful after April 8, 1904, for any person or persons to take or catch oysters in any manner whatever in any of the waters of the Patuxent River and its tributaries of St. Mary's, Charles and Calvert counties or in the tributaries of the Potomac river lying in St. Mary's and Charles counties between the first day of April and the first day of October in each year, or in the waters of Dorchester county or the Choptank river in said county, between the fifteenth day of April and the fifteenth day of September in each year; provided, however, that nothing in this Section shall be so construed as to prevent any person or persons from removing