

\$2.50 for the recording of the lease, and \$1.00 per acre for the first year's rent, all in advance, it shall be the duty of the Conservation Commission to cause same to be surveyed and a lease issued.

The term of said lease shall be twenty years and the price not less than \$1.00 per year per acre.

At the expiration of said lease, the lessee shall be considered as having prior right and shall be given first consideration in making application for a new lease.

1931. ch. 432, sec. 154D. 1933 (Special Sess.). ch. 77, sec. 154D.

**154D.** A lessee is privileged to cultivate or remove oysters so planted on his leased area in any manner that he deems proper provided he has complied with the law providing for the licensing of boats or tongers in removing them for market or transplanting.

All the rights of a lessee provided for in Section 123 of this Article shall apply to a lessee holding ground under this sub-title with the further right to exclude all persons from crabbing, fishing with nets or clamming upon his leased area.

If any part of the rent reserved under such leases shall remain unpaid sixty days after same becomes due, such lease or leases may be, at the option of the Conservation Department, declared void. In that event the land shall revert to the State and may be leased again in accordance with the provisions of this sub-title.<sup>1</sup>

#### **Advisory Committee on Oysters.**

1927. ch. 369.

**155A.** There shall be a committee of three persons to be known as the Advisory Committee on Oysters, who shall be men of practical knowledge and experience, engaged in the oyster business. One member of said Committee shall be a resident of each of the three Districts into which the Tidewater Counties shall be divided, as hereinafter prescribed. Said Counties shall be divided into three zones to be known as Districts, as follows: District No. 1, consisting of Kent, Queen Anne's and Talbot Counties; District No. 2, consisting of Dorchester, Wicomico and Somerset Counties; District No. 3, consisting of St. Mary's, Calvert, Anne Arundel and Charles Counties. The members of the Advisory Committee shall be appointed by the Governor and shall serve for four years from June 1, 1927, and until their successors are appointed and qualified, at such salary as the Governor may fix, the said salary to be paid out of the Conservation Fund until such time as the Governor shall provide for same in the Budget. Vacancies in said Committee shall be filled by the Governor in the same manner as the original appointments.

<sup>1</sup> Sec. 3 of ch. 432, acts of 1931, repealed all laws inconsistent therewith to extent of such inconsistency, and sec. 4 provides: "That this act shall become effective upon the sale by the Board of Public Works of the first \$125,000.00 of the certificates of indebtedness authorized by the act of the General Assembly of 1931 creating the "Ocean City Inlet Loan of 1931"