

If any boat or vessel shall be seen sailing on such reserved areas in the same manner in which they sail to take or catch oysters with scoop, scrape, drag or dredge or similar instrument, the said boat shall be pursued by an officer authorized by this Section to make arrest and if said boat or vessel apprehended by said officer shall be found to have on board any wet oysters or dredges or dredge lines or wet deck indicating the taking of oysters at said time and properly equipped for taking or catching oysters in scoop, scrape, drag or dredge or similar instrument such fact shall be deemed *prima facie* evidence that said boat or vessel has been used in violation of the provisions of this Section and it shall be the duty of the officer to arrest the person in command of said boat or vessel together with all her equipment and bring the same before a Judge or Justice of the Peace of the County having jurisdiction, or if in the Chesapeake Bay in the County most accessible or convenient.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 157. 1912, sec. 133. 1914, ch. 753. 1917, ch. 12, sec. 133.

160. Any resident of the State eligible to hold a dredger's or scraper's license may make application to the Conservation Commission at its office in Baltimore for a permit to catch and remove seed oysters, at any time between March 15th and May 15th, or between September 15th and November 1st, in each year, from any bottoms not leased of the Chesapeake Bay or tributaries in dredger's territory where an abundance of small oysters may occur which in the opinion of the Commission would secure better results by being transplanted. The Commission may issue such permit, and shall describe therein the particular portion of said bottoms from which seed oysters are to be taken, and shall fix the manner and the time for catching same. The person holding such permit shall transport all seed oysters caught by him directly to such reserved areas within the limits prescribed in Section 159, as may be designated by the Commission, and there transplant same in the presence of a deputy commander of the State Fishery Force, whose duty it shall be to see that such seed oysters are transplanted in a proper manner and upon the designated areas. The deputy commander shall thereupon issue a certificate to the person so transplanting seed oysters, which shall state as accurately as possible the number of bushels transplanted, and shall be serially numbered and substantially in the form following:

.....19....
 I hereby certify that Captain.....of the vessel
has this day transplanted upon reserved area
 located at.....a cargo of seed oysters estimated to
 contain.....bushels.

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 Deputy Commander.

A duplicate of each certificate so issued shall be forwarded by the deputy commander to the Comptroller of the State Treasury. The expense of catching, removing and transplanting such seed oysters as herein authorized shall be borne by the person to whom such permit and certificate shall have been issued, provided, however, that such expense, to be determined by the Commission but not to exceed ten cents per bushel, shall be reimbursed to him, or his assigns, by the Comptroller, upon the preservation and surrender of his certificate, out of the "Conservation Fund," provided for by Section 162. The commander may act for any deputy commander in the performance of the duties above mentioned.