

An. Code, 1924, sec. 158. 1912, sec. 134. 1914, ch. 753. 1917, ch. 12, sec. 134.
1927, ch. 123, sec. 158.

161. From and after the date designated by the Commission for re-opening of such reserved areas, until the date designated by it for closing same, oysters shall be caught upon such reserved areas only by dredgers, scrapers or tongers of the State holding licenses for the current season, in the manner now prescribed by law, and subject also to the following special conditions and restrictions, viz:

(1) Oysters caught upon reserved areas shall be subject to a special charge or tax to be fixed by the Commission and to be announced in the advertisement re-opening such area or areas, said charge or tax to be not less than ten cents per bushel, nor more than twenty cents per bushel, which tax shall be collected by the buyers at the place where said oysters are to be no further shipped in bulk in vessels, and shall be paid weekly to the Comptroller or his agent by the buyers, such tax to be in addition to any other charge on oysters now or hereinafter imposed by law, and payment thereof to be enforced in the same manner as the inspection tax provided for by Section 75 of said Article 72. The Deputy Commander shall sign in triplicate certificates serially numbered and substantially in the form following:

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I hereby certify that the cargo of oysters loaded by Captain.....
of the vessel.....was taken from reserved areas and is
subject to a tax of.....cents per bushel, which is to be paid to
the Comptroller or his agent.

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Deputy Commander.

The copies of each certificate so issued shall be given the captain of the vessel in which oysters are to be transported from such reserved areas, one of which shall be retained and the other shall be delivered to the ultimate buyer of said oysters as hereinbefore stated. The third copy shall be forwarded by the deputy commander to the office of the Commission.

(2) Oysters caught upon reserved areas shall not be removed therefrom until the Deputy Commander in charge thereof shall have issued said certificates, as above provided.

(3) Said oysters shall be inspected and measured at the place of sale where the oysters are to be no further shipped in bulk in vessels, and before unloading the captain of each vessel shall exhibit and deliver to the buyer one of the certificates furnished by the Deputy Commander, showing that such cargo of oysters is subject to the special charge or tax. Such oysters shall be unloaded only in the presence of an inspector, whose duty it shall be to inspect, measure and report upon such oysters in the same manner as upon other oysters caught and sold in this State.

(4) Oysters caught upon reserved areas shall not be shipped out of the State of Maryland until the special charge or tax shall have been paid.

(5) Oysters caught upon reserved areas shall be culled in accordance with the existing law relating to culling, and the under-sized oysters shall be returned to the natural bars from which they were taken.

(6) Before any oysters are caught upon such reserved areas, the captain of each vessel shall take out a special license from the Commission at a cost of five dollars per vessel, such license to be issued only after the captain of such vessel has taken an oath before said Commission, or its