

tice of the Peace, then said person or persons shall be fined double the amount so imposed by said Justice of the Peace. All moneys received by any Justice of the Peace or any Court shall be transmitted to the Game Warden or State Comptroller on the first day of the month after fine is received, to be credited to the State Game Protection Fund.<sup>1</sup>

1939, ch. 723.

60. The area of water in Harford and Cecil Counties hereinafter described is designated as closed area in or on which hunting, taking, capturing, or killing, or attempting to take, capture, or kill migratory birds is prohibited. Nothing in this Act shall be construed as in any wise affecting the right of navigation in and over the waters affected by this Act, the said area being bounded as follows:

Beginning at a point in the Chesapeake Bay on the west side of Elk Neck, 440 yards distant from the shore line thereof, at latitude  $39^{\circ} 30' N.$ ; thence in a southwesterly direction with a line parallel to and 440 yards distant from the shore on the west side of Elk Neck, to a point off Turkey Point, the southernmost extremity of Elk Neck from which the navigation bell on said point bears  $S. 77^{\circ} E.$ , 2,400 feet distant (approximate); thence  $N. 62\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} W.$ , (approximate) to a point in Chesapeake Bay, 440 yards distant from the northeast side of Spesutie Island at Locust Point; thence north and west along the north shore of Spesutie Island and 440 yards therefrom, to a point opposite the center of Spesutie Narrows, and thence westerly and northerly and 1,000 yards distant from the east side of the channel lying close to the west shore, to the said latitude  $39^{\circ}$  degrees, 30 minutes (at a point 1,000 yards east of said channel); and thence due east to the place of beginning.

#### Otter, Muskrat, Raccoon and Opossum.

1927, ch. 568, sec. 62. 1929, ch. 420. 1931, ch. 543, sec. 59. 1933, ch. 130, sec. 59.

61. It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt any Muskrat within the State of Maryland, or have the meat or pelts in possession if trapped, caught or killed, between the fifteenth day of March and the first day of January following in each and every year, both dates exclusive, whether same are trapped, caught or killed within the State of Maryland, or any other State, territory or country; provided, however, nothing herein contained shall prohibit the possession of the skins of such animals for business purposes, when dried and cured; provided, that any person may have in possession green skins until the twenty-fifth day of March, following the close of each season, in order to allow skins caught late in the season to become cured for market. It shall be unlawful to pursue or kill any Otter in this State at any time.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to shoot, or shoot at, or gig, or in any manner kill or catch, except for trapping, any muskrat, and it shall be unlawful for any person to dig for any muskrat or dig into or in any manner molest or destroy any part of a muskrat house or den. And it shall further be unlawful to have in possession any muskrat hide or skins that have been shot at or into or killed in any manner except by trapping; and any muskrat hide perforated with small holes, having the appearance of shot or bullet holes, shall be *prima facie* evidence that it was a muskrat so

<sup>1</sup> Sec. 2 of ch. 340 of acts of 1927 and sec. 2 of ch. 459 of acts of 1929 repealed all laws inconsistent therewith to extent of such inconsistency.