

catching oysters with rakes or tongs, he shall, upon conviction thereof before a justice of the peace for the county wherein the offence has been committed, be fined not less than twenty nor more than one hundred dollars; and in case of refusing to pay the said fine said party shall be confined in the house of correction for a period of not less than three months nor more than one year, and in any such case the boat or vessel shall be forfeited and may be condemned, in the discretion of the judge or justice of the peace, in the manner provided in section 10.

1888, ch. 394.

19. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to use or employ any boat or canoe licensed to take oysters with rakes and tongs in the waters of Talbot, Queen Anne's, Anne Arundel and Dorchester counties in taking or catching oysters with any implements or device other than ordinary rakes or tongs with wooden shafts, to be used entirely by hand, and without any ropes or hoisting gear whatever. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be liable to the penalties prescribed in the preceding section for taking oysters with rakes or tongs without license.

Oysters to be Culled upon their Natural Bed.

1886, ch. 296, sec. 37.

20. All oysters taken from any of the waters of this State shall be culled upon their natural bed or bar as taken; any person or persons violating the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon trial and conviction before any judge or justice of the peace of this State having jurisdiction, shall be fined not less than fifty nor more than three hundred dollars, or sentenced to the house of correction for a term not less than three months nor more than one year, or forfeit the canoe or vessel used in said violation.

Time for Taking Oysters.

1886, ch. 296, sec. 14.

21. It shall be unlawful for any person to take or catch oysters or have oysters in his possession between the twenty-fifth day of April and the first day of September, in each