

in the waters of the Choptank river, in said counties, for sale to any person, between the first day of October in each year and the first day of April next following; provided, that nothing in this section shall authorize the taking of oysters with scoop, scrape or dredge above a straight line drawn from the long wharf at Cambridge, known as "Thomas" wharf, on the Dorchester shore, to the Bawdle house, on the Talbot shore, immediately opposite, or in any tributary of said river above or below said line from said Thomas wharf, on the Dorchester shore, to said Bawdle house, on the Talbot shore; and provided further, that the applicant shall pay to the clerk before the issuing of such license the sum of two dollars per ton, according to the capacity of the vessel to be licensed, and that all boats measuring less than five tons shall pay eight dollars for said license, which said license shall be good for twelve months from the day of its issue; and until such license is obtained it shall be unlawful to use or employ any vessel in taking or catching oysters as hereinbefore described; provided, that the waters of Talbot county lying between Black Walnut point and a line drawn from Tilghman's point to the southwest point of Parson's island, except the waters between Poplar island and the main land lying within a line drawn from a point of land lying on the north side of Ferry cove, known as Law's point, to the northern extremity of Poplar island, on the north, to a line from the northwest extremity of Tilghman's island to the southern extremity of south bar of Poplar island on the south, which are reserved for the use of tongmen, shall be opened to the citizens of Talbot county licensed under this section, between the first day of October and the first day of April next following; but it shall be unlawful to take oysters with scoop, scrape or dredge in any other waters of Talbot county; provided, also, that the waters of Choptank river lying north of a straight line running from Benonis point to Clora's point are reserved for tongmen; and it shall not be lawful to catch oysters with scoop, scrape or dredge, or similar instrument, to the northward of said line.

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156. The owner of such boat shall make oath before the said clerk that he is the *bona fide* owner of such boat, and it shall be described in the license, that he has been a resident of the county in which his application is made, for twelve months; that there