

mand the one steamer that is regularly in commission as a part of the State fishery force, and to appoint a deputy commander for each sailing vessel for their respective districts from among persons of the counties whose waters comprise the different districts, who shall be commissioned by the governor, and the said deputy commanders shall have power to appoint their subordinates and select their crews, and the terms of office of said commanders shall be for two years unless sooner removed for incompetency or neglect of duty; and if any of the said officers shall fail in the discharge of his duty by reason of collusion with parties interested in violating any of the provisions of this article, he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon indictment and conviction in a court of competent jurisdiction shall be fined or imprisoned, at the discretion of the court; no person shall be eligible to the office of commander of the State fishery force or deputy commander who is the owner of or who has any interest in any scrape or dredge boat, and it is hereby made unlawful for the board of public works to appoint any such person as commander or deputy commander of any boat or vessel in the State fishery force; the steamers and boats belonging to the State fishery force are to be used only on business pertaining to its official duties or on State business.

1894, ch. 380. sec. 35.

**36.** The board of public works shall have power to remove any officer of said force for neglect of duty or incompetency; and the commander of the force shall have power to suspend any officer of the force for a period not exceeding thirty days for any neglect of duty; and any officer commanding in said force shall have power to remove any subordinate under his command and to appoint a person to fill the vacancy whenever the interest of said service may, in his judgment, require him so to do.

Ibid. sec 36. 1896, ch. 418. 1900, ch 380

**37.** The board of public works shall have power and it shall be their duty to keep the steamers of said vessels in good repair, and for the purpose of reducing the expense of the State fishery force the said board is authorized and hereby required to lay up and put out of commission one steamer, and under no circumstances shall said steamer be put in commission except during the dredging season, and only then in such emergency as the board of public works may judge is