

day of April and the thirtieth day of September, inclusive ; provided, that nothing in this section shall prohibit any person from taking or catching oysters from his private bed or bar.

1904, ch. 467, sec. 2.

53. Any person violating the provisions of the preceding section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished as provided in this article.*

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1904, ch. 522, sec. 1.

54. It shall be unlawful after April 8, 1904, for any person or persons to take or catch oysters in any manner whatever in any of the waters of the Patuxent river and its tributaries of St. Mary's, Charles and Calvert counties or in the tributaries of the Potomac river lying in St. Mary's and Charles counties between the first day of April and the first day of October in each year, or in the waters of Dorchester county or the Choptank river in said county, between the 25th day of April and the 15th day of September in each year ; provided, however, that nothing in this section shall be so construed as to prevent any person or persons from removing or transplanting oysters on private beds or taking oysters from private beds for private use during the closed season, but not for sale.

Ibid. sec. 2.

55. After April 8, 1904, any *bona fide* citizen of St. Mary's, Charles and Calvert counties who shall have procured a license from the clerk of the circuit court of the county in which he is a *bona fide* resident as prescribed in the general oyster law of the State of Maryland, shall be permitted to use such license to take or catch oysters in the Chesapeake bay or in the Potomac river at any time that oysters are allowed to be taken in said waters in conformity with the general oyster law of the State, and they shall be subject to all the provisions and penalties prescribed by the general oyster law of the State of Maryland.

Ibid. sec. 3.

56. The clerks of the circuit courts of St. Mary's, Charles and Calvert counties are authorized to issue a license to any *bona fide* resident of their respective counties to take or catch oysters, and shall charge the same fees for the issuing of such license as is provided for in the general oyster law of the State

*See *ante*, Sections 14, 17