

tub or a three bushel tub, and no instruments shall be used for measuring oysters in the shell but an iron circular tub with straight sides and straight solid bottom, with holes in bottom for draining, such holes to be no larger, however, than one inch in diameter; a half-bushel tub shall have the following dimensions, all measurements to be from inside to inside: fifteen inches across the top, thirteen inches across the bottom, and seventeen inches diagonally from the inside chime to the top; a bushel tub shall measure sixteen and one-half inches across at the bottom from inside to inside, twenty-one inches diagonally from the inside chime to the top, and eighteen inches across from inside to inside from the top; a bushel and one-half tub shall measure nineteen inches across the top from inside to inside, eighteen inches across the bottom from inside to inside, and twenty-four inches diagonally from the inside chime to the top; a three-bushel tub shall measure twenty-four inches across the top from inside to inside, twenty-two inches from inside to inside at the bottom, and twenty-nine twenty-six-hundredths inches diagonally from the inside chime to the top, and all oysters measured in the shell as required by law shall be even measure to the top of the tub only, and any person or persons engaged in the business of buying or selling oysters in this State who shall own or have in his possession any instrument of measurement for oysters in the shell which differs in size or description from the measure hereinbefore mentioned, or shall demand a greater measure than hereinbefore mentioned, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and punished upon conviction before a court of competent jurisdiction, to be fined a sum of not less than fifty dollars nor more than one hundred dollars, or committed to the house of correction for a period of not less than three months nor more than six months, or both, in the discretion of the judge or justice of the peace trying the same; and in case a fine is imposed under the provisions of this section, said fine to be paid over by the officer making the arrest to the comptroller of the State, to be credited to the oyster fund; one-half, however, to be paid to the informer, unless he be an officer of the State fishery force. Said measures shall also be the standard measure for shells, and the use of any other measure for that purpose shall be punished, as is prescribed by this section for the use of any other measures for measuring oysters, and the measurers or special inspectors are hereby forbidden to handle or interfere with the oysters in or upon the tub or measure for the purpose of pressing or pushing down same