

CHAPTER 448.

AN ACT for the protection of fish in the waters of Wicomico county.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to set, stake, or in any manner place any pound net or fyke net made of twine, in the waters of Wicomico county, at any time.

Unlawful to use pound net, &c.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to catch, take, capture, kill or injure any shad, herring, rock, perch or any other kind of fish with haul seine, float seine, stake seine, or any other kind of seine, net or fish trap in the waters of said county, between the twentieth day of May in each and every year, and the first day of September in the next succeeding year.

Not to catch, capture, &c.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That each and every person who may violate any of the provisions of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, before any justice of the peace of Wicomico county, shall be fined by the said justice of the peace sitting in the case a sum not less than ten dollars nor more than twenty-five dollars, for each and every violation aforesaid; and each and every person so convicted and fined shall be committed by the said justice of the peace to be confined in the county jail in said county until the said fine and all costs of the prosecution are paid; and shall, in addition to the said penalties, also forfeit and lose all seines, nets and boats of every kind which may be used by them in violating as aforesaid.

Fine for violation.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the justice of the peace to decree the forfeiture mentioned in the preceding section, and to order and direct the constable or other officer making the arrest, to take and sell any property so forfeited as aforesaid, after first giving at least ten days' notice by advertisement inserted in some newspaper published in said county, or by advertisement posted in

Sell forfeited property.