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SEC. 7. *And be it enacted*, That the said corporation is hereby authorized and empowered to cut, dig and make a canal or inlet, of any width or depth it may deem necessary or proper, at some point on the eastern border of Worcester County, either north or south of Ocean City, and not less than two miles distant therefrom ; thereon to the Isle of Wight, or Assawoman or Synepuxent Bay as the case may be, in order to secure in the waters or bays an ebb and flow of salt water for the breeding and cultivation of oysters in any manner deemed proper and not conflicting with the laws of this State ; and whereas the Isle of Wight, Assawoman and the Synepuxent Bays aforesaid have from the closing of inlets formerly existing, been for many years past unhealthy fresh water and unfit for the natural growth and the cultivation of oysters ; and whereas, the lands bordering on said bays and tributaries have greatly depreciated in value from that cause ; therefore,

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SEC. 8. *Be it enacted*, That in consideration of the cutting and making of the inlet aforesaid and maintaining the same, and the great advantages tendered to the adjacent land thereby, and the increased value to the State of Maryland, and to Worcester County, and to citizens thereof, by salting the Isle of Wight, Assawoman, and the Synepuxent Bays by the regular ebb and flow of the tide through the inlet aforesaid the State of Maryland does hereby grant and convey unto the said Isle of Wight Inlet and Oyster Planting Company one-half of the beds of said Isle of Wight, Assawoman, and Synepuxent Bays or by whatever other name they may be known, bounded and described as follows, to wit: For a center line commencing at a center point in a line drawn from south point on Synepuxent Bay running east to the Eastern shore of said bay which line to the extent that it adjoins the property hereby intended to be conveyed, shall be its southern boundary, thence running northwardly through the middle of the Synepuxent, Isle of Wight and Assawoman Bay to its intersection with the boundary line between the State of Maryland and the State of Delaware, which said line shall be the northern boundary of the property hereby intended to be conveyed. For the eastern boundary commencing at a point on said southern line distant one-fourth of the width of the bay from said center line, thence northwardly following the general trend of the shore and at every point distant from the aforesaid center line one-fourth of the width of the water way until it intersects the said