

ances evidencing such leases or transfers shall have been recorded in the office of the Shell Fish Commissioner.

"Sec. 8. Be it further enacted, That the Shell Fish Commissioner shall, as soon as he duly qualifies, cause to be prepared a set of maps showing the area which shall be available for oyster culture under the provisions of this Act. The said commissioner shall divide such area into districts, which shall be numbered by him. A map shall be prepared for each district, and as each map is compiled, the district designated by such map shall be declared by said commissioner to be open for oyster culture under the terms of this Act, and notices stating that such district or districts are open for oyster culture shall be inserted by said commissioner in at least one daily newspaper published in the city of Baltimore and in one newspaper published in a county adjoining said district, which shall be declared to be open, for a period of three weeks, with at least one notice inserted in each of said papers during each of said weeks. The position of all natural beds or bars within said districts shall be located by actual survey and be indicated upon said maps; said maps shall further indicate what creeks, coves and inlets are less than one hundred yards wide at the mouth at low water. The land within the said districts which may be available for planting and cultivation of oysters shall be divided into sections; each section situated within the limits of any county of the State shall contain ten acres, and each section situated beyond the limits of any of said counties and in the open waters of the Chesapeake bay, shall contain one hundred acres. The said sections shall be as nearly rectangular as possible. The location of each of the sections shall be shown on the map. The said maps shall be filed in the office of said commissioner in the city of Baltimore immediately after the preparation of the same. The said sections shall be numbered and the rental per acre for each section shall be clearly stated in a book kept for that purpose by the commissioner, and a reference shall be made to said book in the advertisements hereinbefore provided for.