

Sec. 5. And be it enacted, As soon as the maps mentioned in section 2 of this Act shall have been prepared, and the report of the expert mentioned in section 3 shall have been filed and acted upon by the said Board of Public Works, and the lots mentioned, in said three districts have been classified as aforesaid, the said Board of Public Works shall declare such portions of said area mentioned by this Act, to be open for oyster culture as in their opinion should be opened at said time, and from time to time the said Board of Public Works shall declare portions of the said area open for oyster culture until the whole thereof shall be declared opened for that purpose. The notice of the opening of any portion of said area for oyster culture shall be given by advertising in at least two daily newspapers published in the city of Baltimore, and in at least two newspapers published in Calvert county for a period of three weeks in succession, at least two notices per week being inserted in said newspapers of Baltimore city. The notice shall declare what portions of said area are opened. It shall further state the rental of the lots declared open for oyster culture, and it shall invite bids from bona fide and responsible bidders upon such terms as may be prescribed by said Board of Public Works. The said Board of Public Works shall award said lease so offered for sale to the highest responsible bidder therefor, but no one bidder shall be allowed to offer bids for more than one hundred acres of land, and each lot shall be offered and bid for separately and apart from every other lot; provided, however, that the owner of any tract of land in Calvert county bordering on the section of the Chesapeake bay, specially set aside in this bill for oyster culture shall have the privilege of selecting one first-class, one second class lot opposite to the land owned by him or her for oyster planting, at the rental herein stated, without any additional cost, before the area of land herein set aside for oyster culture is offered for sale; provided, however, that said lots shall be selected by said owner or owners of said real estate within thirty days from the time the said lots are declared open by said Board of Public Works; a