

chapter 380 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland for 1894, who, with the Commander of the Oyster Navy, shall compose and hereby constitute for the purposes hereinafter designated the 'Shell Fish Commissioners,' the said general measurers and inspectors so designated shall be entitled to receive for their services after the close of the oyster season from the 25th of April to the first day of August, next, ensuing, the compensation as is now allowed by law and the Comptroller is directed to draw warrants upon the Treasurer of Maryland for said salaries, to be paid out of the Oyster Fund.

"Sec. 70. Be it enacted, That the sum of twenty five thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby annually appropriated from any sum or sums of money belonging to or on deposit to the credit of the Oyster Fund, if any, and shall be payable on the warrant of the Comptroller by the Treasurer in such sums and to such persons, firm or corporation as may be designated as entitled to receive the same by the Shell Fish Commissioners for oyster shells purchased by the State of Maryland, said shells shall be purchased by advertising, from the lowest bidder by sealed proposals. Said oyster shells are to be scattered and deposited upon the bottom of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries as hereinafter provided under the direction and supervision of the Shell Fish Commissioners, and in such parts thereof as the Shell Fish Commissioners may deem proper and shall designate therefor. That after oyster shells have been scattered and deposited as hereinbefore provided, it shall be the duty of the Shell Fish Commissioners to have placed floating buoys or other visible marks at such distances from the bottom, including such contiguous bottoms as may be necessary for the protection of the oysters grown thereon, and to designate such locations by landmarks when possible, and when the said bottoms have been so located as aforesaid, the said locations shall be published in such newspapers in the city of Baltimore and of the several tide water counties as may be designated by the Shell Fish Commissioners; such notice stating that such bottoms as have been laid off and marked are closed against any and