

Commonwealth of which he is a resident. No person otherwise entitled to take fish, oysters, or crabs, from the Potomac River shall have such right until he be licensed to take fish, or oysters, or crabs, as the case may be. The authorities of either State shall have the right to examine into the right of any person to take fish, oysters, or crabs from the Potomac River, or to have the same in his possession; and any person taking fish, oysters, or crabs from the Potomac River, or having any of the same in his possession shall exhibit his authority for so doing whenever required by any officer or other authority of either State.

(d) (Gear for Taking Marketable Oysters in the Potomac River.) It shall be lawful for any citizen of the State of Maryland or of the Commonwealth of Virginia, duly licensed as provided in the preceding Sub-section, to take or catch oysters from the Potomac River with ordinary shaft or patent tongs, and by no other means. It shall be unlawful for any person to take or catch oysters found in the Potomac River by scoop, scrape, or dredge; and if any boat found in the Potomac River have on board or in tow any scoop, scrape, dredge, spool, crank, winder, or any other equipment used in dredging or scraping, such equipment shall be prima facie evidence that the provisions of this Sub-section have been violated by the master or owner of such boat.

(e) (Season for Taking Marketable Oysters in the Potomac River.) The season for taking marketable oysters from the Potomac River above or upstream of a line drawn from North Point at the mouth of Upper Machodic Creek in the County of King George in Virginia to Lower Cedar Point in Charles County in Maryland shall be from October first of each year to April fifteenth in the year next succeeding, both dates inclusive. The season for taking marketable oysters from the Potomac River below or downstream from said line shall be from September fifteenth of each year to April fifteenth in the year next succeeding, both dates inclusive. It shall be unlawful for any person to have in possession between April twentieth and September fourteenth, inclusive, of any year any marketable oysters caught or taken from the Potomac River.

(f) (Culling of Marketable Oysters Taken from the Potomac River.) All oysters taken from the natural rocks, beds or shoals of the Potomac River shall be culled at the point where taken, and all oysters whose shells measure less than three inches in length, measured from hinge to mouth, whether attached to a larger oyster or not, shall be returned, together with all empty shells, to the natural rock, bed, or shoal whence