

Chapter 515.

AN ACT to regulate the time and manner of Taking and Catching Fish in that part and portion of the Eastern Bay within the limits of Queen Anne's county, and its tributaries within the limits of the same.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That it shall not be lawful for any person or persons to take, capture or catch fish in the waters of the Eastern bay within the limits of Queen Anne's county, or its tributaries within the limits of the same, by seines, drag-nets, set-nets, fish baskets, fish pots, weirs, pound nets, fykes or any other means or contrivance whatsoever which is now known or used in the capturing or the destroying of fish, or which may hereafter be invented for that purpose, from the twentieth day of May to the tenth day of September, except with hook and line; provided, however, seines or nets may be used for taking of taylor and mackerel fish, provided the meshes of such nets or seines are in the bar not less than one and seven-eighth inches, or in the mesh not less than three and three-quarter inches.

When unlawful

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That it shall not be lawful for any person or persons, in said waters mentioned in the first section of this act, to empty their seines on the beach or shore, at any time whilst so fishing, as to leave the smaller fish to perish, but to empty the same in water of sufficient depth, that smaller fish may live and grow.

Where to empty small fish.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That no person or persons other than the owner or owners, occupant or occupants, of land bordering on and adjacent to the waters named in the first section of this act, and they bona fide citizens of Queen Anne's county, shall, with seine, net or trap of any description, take or catch fish in the waters above named; provided that the person or persons owning or occupying land bordering on the above mentioned waters shall have the right to rent or otherwise grant to any person or persons the privilege of taking or catching fish, as provided for in this act, on their shores; and further provided, the right to take or catch fish with hook and line shall be allowed to all persons at all times.

Who has the right.