

Forfeiture.

used in catching oysters in this State with scoop, dredge or similar instrument, is hereby declared to be forfeited, and shall be condemned by order of any Judge of the Circuit Court nearest the place of her capture, or if captured in Baltimore city, by order of the City Court, and shall be sold by the Sheriff of the county where condemned, or if condemned in Baltimore city, by the Sheriff of said city, to the highest bidder for cash, after twenty days' notice of the time and place of sale; such notice to be published at least three times in a newspaper having the largest circulation, printed in Baltimore city, or in the county where condemned; one-fourth of the proceeds of such sale shall be paid to the party making the capture, including the officers and crews of the Fishery Force, and the balance shall be paid into the Treasury of the State, to be credited to the Oyster Fund.

Fines.

SEC. 13. *And be it enacted*, That the fines accruing under this act shall be paid by the Sheriff, Constable or Officers of the State Fishery Force collecting the same within ten days to the Clerk of the Court of the county or city where such fine may accrue, and such Clerk shall account for the same in his next quarterly return to the Comptroller of the Treasury, to be placed to the credit of the Oyster Fund.

Unlawful possession.

SEC. 14. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to take or catch oysters or have oysters in his or their possession between the twenty-fifth day of April and the first day of September, in each and every year; provided, that oysters caught before the twenty-fifth day of April may be disposed of at any time before the fifth day of May; and provided, this section shall not prevent transportation companies from carrying oysters brought from other States nor hotel and restaurant keepers or private persons from purchasing oysters outside of the State of Maryland, nor shall it be construed to prevent