

the same for protecting, sowing, bedding or depositing oysters or other shell-fish within the lines of their own land; and any owner or owners of land lying and bordering upon any of the waters of this State, shall have power to locate and appropriate in any of the waters adjoining his or her or their lands, one lot of five acres, for the purpose of protecting, preserving, depositing, bedding or sowing oysters or other shell-fish, and that any other male citizen of full age, of the State, shall have power to locate and appropriate and hold one lot of five acres, and no more, in any waters in said State, not located or appropriated; provided, thirty days' notice in writing shall be given the owner or owners, occupant or occupants, of land bordering on said waters proposed to be located, that the owner or owners, occupant or occupants, may have priority of claim; and if they shall fail to locate or appropriate the water mentioned in said notice, within thirty days' after receiving the same, then it shall be open and free to any one under the provisions of this section; provided, also, that the said location or appropriation shall be described by stakes, bushes, and with the name of the owner on a board fastened to a pole or stake, on or within the appropriated oyster land or other proper and visible metes and bounds; which description shall be reduced to writing, under the oath of some competent Surveyor, and recorded, at the expense of the party locating or appropriating the same, in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court in the county wherein such land may be located; and provided, also, that such location and appropriation shall not injure, obstruct or impede the free navigation of said waters; and provided, that no natural bar or bed of oysters shall be so located or appropriated, and that twelve months peaceable possession of all locations of oyster grounds under the laws of this State, shall constitute a good and sufficient title thereto; but should any one within twelve months be charged

Exclusive use.

Fire arms.

How to be described.

Oath.

Proviso.