

ing, bedding or sowing oysters or other shellfish, although such cove, creek or inlet may not be included in the lines of any patent ; and in all such cases such right of the riparian proprietor shall extend to the middle of such creek, cove or inlet.

SEC. 46. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be unlawful, without authority from the owner, for any person or persons to take or catch planted or bedded oysters, knowing them to be so planted or bedded, or to remove, break off, destroy or otherwise injure or alter any stakes, bounds, marks, buoys or other designation of any of said beds ; any person or persons violating the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction in the Circuit Court for the county wherein the oysters were bedded, shall be fined not less than five dollars nor more than fifty dollars, or be sentenced to the House of Correction for a term of not less than three months nor more than one year, at the discretion of the Judge or Justice trying the same.

Marks and
boundaries.

Fine.

SEC. 47. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Effective.

Approved April 7, 1886.