

Oysters, be and the same are hereby repealed and re-enacted so as to read as follows :

License to
catch
oysters with
scoops, etc.

Cost of
license.

244 and 155. The Clerk of the Circuit Court for Talbot and Dorchester counties, respectively shall, upon the application of any person who has been a resident of such counties for twelve months next preceding such application, and to no other person, issue a license to such resident, to employ any boat of the capacity of ten and one-half gross tons or under, such capacity to be ascertained by Custom House Measurement, in taking or catching oysters, with dredge, scoop or scrape in the waters of the Choptank river in said counties, for sale to any person between the fifteenth day of October in each year, and the fifteenth day of March, next following; provided, that nothing in this section shall authorize the taking of oysters, with scoops, scrapes or dredge, above a straight line, drawn from the long wharf at Cambridge, known as Thomas' Wharf, on the Dorchester shore, to the Bowdle house on the Talbot shore immediately opposite, or in any tributary of said river above or below said line from said Thomas Wharf on the Dorchester shore, to said Bowdle house on the Talbot shore; and provided further, that the applicant shall pay to the clerk before issuing of such license, the sum of one dollar and ninety cents, per gross ton, according to the capacity of the vessel to be licensed, which capacity shall be determined by gross tonnage, and that all boats measuring less than five gross tons, shall pay eight dollars for said license, which license shall be good for one season only, and shall only authorize the catching of oysters between the fifteenth day of October and the fifteenth day of March; and until such license is obtained it shall be unlawful to use or employ any vessel in taking or catching oysters, as hereinbefore described; provided, that the waters of Talbot county, lying between Black Walnut Point and a line drawn from the southwest corner of second Kent Point to Wade's Point; except the waters between Poplar Island and the main land, lying within a line drawn from a point of land, lying on the north side of Ferry Cove, known as Low's Point, to the northern extremity of Poplar Island on the north, to a line from the northwest extremity of Tilghman's Island, to the southern extremity of south bar of Poplar Island on the south, which are reserved for the use of tongmen; shall be open to the citizens of Talbot county licensed under this section, but it shall be unlawful to take oysters with scoops, scrapes or dredge in any other waters of Talbot county.