

CHAP. 143  
 Lawful  
 to catch fish,  
 etc.

of the Wye and Great Choptank rivers lying solely in Talbot county, with gill nets or hook and line at any time, and it shall be lawful to catch fish in Skypton creek with haul seines from the first day of August to twentieth day of May following, and it shall be unlawful to set any net so that it will extend more than one-half the distance across the river or creek in which it may be set; and it shall be lawful to catch fish in all other waters of said county with hook and line at any time, and to take and catch fish with gill nets, haul seine, drag nets, fish baskets, fish pots, pound nets and fykes from the first day of August to the twentieth day of May following; provided, however, that the meshes in all seines, nets, pounds and fykes are in the bar not less than one and one-half inches.

Penalty  
 for violation.

115 A. Any person who shall violate the provisions of 115 shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof before any Court or justice of the peace having jurisdiction shall be fined twenty-five dollars, one-half of which shall be paid to the informer and one-half to the game warden, and costs, and shall stand committed to the county jail until fine and costs are paid, and shall also forfeit his nets, weirs, fish pots and appliances, which shall be sold at public sale by the officer making the arrest; and proceeds of said sale after deducting costs of sale, shall be paid to the County Commissioners of Talbot county for the use of the public schools of said county.

Unlawful to  
 catch  
 or have in  
 possession  
 within  
 certain times.

115 B. It shall be unlawful for any person to take, catch or have in possession, in Talbot county, any terrapin, between the first day of April and the first day of November in each year; the term terrapin to apply to those known as diamond back, skilpot and slider.

Less size  
 than  
 five inches.

115 C. It shall be unlawful for any person to take, catch or have in possession in said county any terrapin of less size than five inches in length on the bottom shell.

Terrapin  
 eggs.

115 D. It shall be unlawful for any person to interfere with or in any manner destroy terrapin eggs.

Bona fide  
 residents.

115 E. None but *bona fide* residents of Talbot county, of this State, shall take or catch terrapin therein.

Penalty  
 for violation.

115 F. Any person violating any part of sections 115 B, 115 C, 115 D or 115 E shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof before any Court or justice of the peace having jurisdiction, shall be fined a sum of not less than five or more than ten dollars for each terrapin so taken or held in possession or for destroying such eggs; and the terrapins so held in possession shall be confiscated and returned by the officer making arrest to some suitable place for their