

47. If any creek, cove or inlet not exceeding one hundred yards at low water in breadth at its mouth make into the land, or if any creek, cove or inlet of greater width than one hundred yards at low water mark make into the lands, the owner or other lawful occupant shall have the exclusive right to use such creek, cove or inlet, when the mouth of said creek, cove or inlet is one hundred yards or less in width; and when the said creek, cove or inlet is more than one hundred yards in width at its mouth at low water, the said owner or other lawful occupant shall have exclusive right to use such creek, cove or inlet so soon as said creek, cove or inlet in making into said land or lands shall become one hundred yards in width at low water, for preserving, depositing, bedding or sowing oysters or other shell fish, 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.

Exclusive
right to
creeks 100
yards or
less in
width.

48. 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 guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction before the Circuit Court or a justice of the peace for the county where the oysters were bedded, shall be fined not less than ten nor more than two hundred 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 said judge or justice.

Taking
oysters from
private beds.

Penalty.

49. Any person convicted before a justice of the peace under any of the preceding provisions of this article, shall in all cases have the right of an appeal to the Circuit Court for the county.

Right of
appeal.

50. Any person dragging, raking or dredging for oysters within five hundred yards of either edge of the new channel at the mouth of the PatapSCO river, known as the Craighill channel, extending from the seven-foot knoll to the mouth of the Magothy river, or within five hundred yards of either edge of the cut-off connecting the Brewerton and Craighill channels, shall forfeit his boat or vessel; and it shall be lawful for any justice of the peace of the county or city in which

Dredging
near Craighill
channel.