

Where and when lawful to fish with pound nets.

of land bordering upon the waters of the Chesapeake bay, from a point two hundred yards westward from the extreme northern end of Howels point to the north end of the broad beach at the mouth of Still Pond creek, said shores lying and being within the limits of Kent county, or to whomsoever they may extend the privilege, to take or catch fish from nets or traps, known as pound nets, either partly above or entirely beneath the waters of said bay, from the fifteenth day of September to the first day of June next ensuing, of each year; provided, however, that such pound nets shall not extend a greater distance into the bay than four hundred yards from the shore at low water, nor shall they be so placed as to anywise obstruct the passage of any vessel or boat engaged in trading in said waters, nor shall any seine or net be used in that portion of said pound nets that confine the fish, the meshes of which are less than one and a quarter inches square, nor shall any stake or post be used in placing said pound nets of a greater diameter than five inches in the largest part, nor shall such stakes or posts be permitted to remain in said waters for a longer period than that prescribed in this section for the placing of pound nets.

Consent of owner.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the preceding section shall not be construed to permit any person to place such pound nets opposite the shore of any owner of land bordering on said waters, unless the consent of such owner is first obtained.

Penalty for violation.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That any person violating the provisions of the two preceding sections shall forfeit the seine or nets, and the boat and materials used in fishing the seine, and shall in addition pay a fine of twenty dollars; provided, however, that the using of any post or stake of a larger size than five inches in the largest part, or permitting the same to remain for a longer period than ten days after the removal of the seine or nets therefrom, shall subject the person so offending to a fine of not more than twenty dollars nor less than ten dollars.

Effective.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That all acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act, be and the same are hereby repealed, and this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 6th, 1894.