

boat, of a capacity of seven gross tons or under, such capacity to be ascertained by rules of the custom-house measurement, as hereinafter provided, in taking and catching oysters with dredge, scoop or scrape in the waters of the Choptank river, in said counties, for sale from the first day of November and the fifteenth day of March next succeeding, both inclusive, on which last named day the license shall expire; provided, that nothing in this section shall authorize the taking of oysters with scoop, scrape or dredge above a straight line drawn from the long wharf at Cambridge, known as Thomas' Wharf, on the Dorchester shore, to the Bawdle House on the Talbot shore, immediately opposite, or in any tributary of said river, above or below said line; provided further, that the applicant shall pay such clerk 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 all boats measuring less than five tons gross shall pay eight dollars for said license, which shall be good for one season only, and shall only authorize the catching of oysters between the first day of November and the fifteenth day of March next succeeding; and until such license is obtained, it shall be unlawful to use or employ any vessel in taking or catching any 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 Wales Point, except the waters between Poplar Island and the mainland, lying within a straight line drawn from Pawpaw Point on Tilghman's Island to the southwesternmost point on Poplar Island and by a straight line drawn from Lowe's Point on the mainland to Bloody Point Lighthouse (this line is only to apply to the east or inside of North Point Beach) which are reserved for the taking or catching of oysters with tongs worked exclusively by hand, shall be open to the citizens of Talbot County licensed under this section; but it shall be unlawful to take or catch oysters with scrapes, scoops or dredge in any other waters of Talbot county, provided further that the said clerks of the said Courts, as aforesaid, upon application of any owner a resident for one year in either of said counties and to no other person, of a boat of the size of ten and fifty-two one-hundredths tons gross or under, which was licensed to take oysters, as aforesaid, with scoop, scrape or dredge in said waters for the dredging season ending March the fifteenth, 1916, be and they are hereby authorized and directed upon a certificate of the