

person to be employed on such boat, and such license shall have effect from the first day of September, in the year which it may have been obtained, to the fifteenth day of April, inclusive, next succeeding; provided that any laws either local or public, now in effect or which may become in effect curtailing the open season provided above, such local or public general laws shall prevail, except in Talbot County and in the waters of the Choptank River used in common by the residents of Talbot and Dorchester Counties. Such license shall not authorize the taking or catching of oysters in any creek, cove, river, inlet, bay or sound within the limits of any county other than that wherein the license shall have been granted; and that the boundaries of the counties on navigable waters shall be strictly construed so as not to permit the residents of either county to take or catch oysters beyond the middle of the dividing channel; provided, that nothing in this section shall be so construed as to prevent the citizens of Queen Anne's and Kent Counties from using the waters of Chester River in common, or the citizens of Dorchester and Wicomico Counties from using the waters of Nanticoke River in common, or the citizens of Queen Anne's and Talbot Counties from using the waters of the Wye River and the mouth thereof in common, or the citizens of Dorchester and Talbot Counties and bona fide residents of the Fourth Election District of Caroline County who shall have resided in said district not less than one year next preceding from using the waters of the Choptank River in common; provided, however, that the County Commissioners shall be authorized to give special permission to any woman who has no visible means of support to take and catch oysters without license. Provided, that the open season for the taking or catching of oysters in the Tred Avon River and the tributaries in Talbot County shall be from the first day of September to the fifteenth day of April, each year, both dates inclusive.

18. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to take or catch oysters or have oysters in his or their possession between the fifteenth day of April and the first day of September in each and every year; provided, that oysters caught before the fifteenth day of April may be disposed of at any time before the twentieth day of April; nor shall it be construed to prevent any person from taking oysters at any time from his private beds within the State for private use or transplanting or cultivating but not for sale.

57. It shall be unlawful after April 8, 1904, for any person or persons to take or catch oysters in any manner whatever in any of the waters of the Patuxent River and its tributaries of St. Mary's, Charles and Calvert counties or in the tributaries