

(f) If Virginia takes action shortening its season for catching shad and herring by 10 days from the end of such season, or takes such action contingent upon action by the State of Maryland, shortening its season for the catching of shad and herring in its tidal waters, as provided in this section by 5 days or less from the end of such season, then the season for catching shad and herring in each of the tidal waters of this State, as provided in this section, shall be shortened in each case by 5 days from the end of such season.

60. Any person who establishes to the satisfaction of the Commission that he actually used a pound net, haul seine, gill net, or fyke or hoop net more than 40 yards in length for the taking of fin fish for commercial purposes, at any time during the calendar years 1940 or 1941, shall be entitled to file application with the Conservation Commission prior to December 1st, 1941, and the Commission shall grant his application for a license to operate such, but only such nets as he actually operated at any time during such years.

61. Applications for license shall be filed on forms supplied by the Conservation Commission, and accompanied by the fee fixed by law for the nets sought to be licensed. The applicant shall furnish such information as the Conservation Commission may require, to determine whether the applicant is eligible under Section 27 and Section 60 of this Article to receive the license, and shall state that the applicant has been a bona fide resident of this State for at least twelve months preceding his application, or if he is a non-resident that he is the lawful owner of land bordering on waters in the county where he desires to fish. The application shall also state the exact location where such net or nets will be set, in the case of pound nets. Failure to furnish such information or a false statement as to any material fact, shall constitute sufficient grounds for denial of the application.

62. Prior to December 1st, 1941, and prior to December 1st in each succeeding year, the Conservation Commission shall make an estimate of the quantity of marketable fin fish of every species (except eels) that may be available during the succeeding license year and of the number and types of nets that may be profitably employed without injury to the fishery. If the Commission shall determine that additional nets for the taking of fin fish (except eels) should be licensed, over and above the number actually applied for prior to December 1st, then it shall give public notice, by advertisement once a week for two successive weeks in at least two daily newspapers of general circulation throughout the State, of the number of additional nets that may be licensed and of the areas where the same may