

not be less than forty-eight hours from the date of notice. The Commission is further authorized to reopen to dredging any reserved area whenever in the judgment of the Commission such reopening is advisable, by notice as above provided. Whenever, after the reopening of any such area, the Commission deems it advisable to close said area to dredging and again reserve the same, it may do so without further notice than a notification to the dredgers through the Deputy Commander in charge of said area.

The Commander of the Fishery Force shall be paid an annual salary of thirty-five hundred dollars (\$3500.00).

160. The Conservation Commission is authorized to close to scraping or tonging and reserve any portion of the natural beds, bars or rocks of Chesapeake Bay or tributaries, in scrapers' or tongers' area as the case may be, but only for the purpose of planting thereon oysters. The Commission shall give notice of such reservation by advertisement to be inserted in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the county where the reserved area is located and by notice to the Commander of the Fishery Force and the Deputy Commanders in charge of the reserved area or areas, in the form and manner prescribed in Section 159; and the Commission may in like manner reopen and close the same as hereinbefore provided.

161. Any person who shall catch, dredge, scrape or tong for oysters upon any reserved area at any time after the same has been closed by the Commission shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof before any Trial Magistrate of this State most assessible or convenient shall be fined not less than \$100 nor more than \$200 or confined in jail not less than 30 days nor more than 6 months, or both fined and imprisoned; and the cargo, if any, shall be returned to the reserved area, or to such other area as the Commission may direct, under the supervision of the deputy commander or other officer making the arrest.

162. Oysters caught upon any reserved area where oysters have been planted during the period within which such area is open for dredging, scraping or tonging, shall be subject to a special charge or tax to be fixed by the Commission prior to the reopening of the same, and stated in the notice aforesaid. Said special charge or tax shall be at the rate of ten cents per bushel, unless the Commission shall find that the expense of planting oysters, shells of other cultch upon any such