

area exceeds ten cents per bushel, whereupon the Commission may fix the rate thereof at not less than ten cents nor more than twenty cents per bushel; but no special charge or tax shall be collected in the case of areas reopened after a period of rest or after closing to prevent an oversupply upon the market. Said tax shall be collected by the buyers at the place where said oysters are to be no further shipped in bulk in vessels, and shall be paid to the Commission or its duly authorized agents by the buyers, in addition to any other tax on oysters now or hereafter imposed by law, and payment thereof shall be enforced in the same manner as the inspection tax imposed by Section 75 of this Article. The Commission shall provide by regulation for the issuance of clearance papers or certificates by its deputy commanders or other agents covering the transportation of oysters from reserved areas.

163. Any person who shall catch oysters on any reserved area in violation of the provisions of this subtitle, or of any regulation adopted by the Commission under the authority of this subtitle, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to the penalties prescribed by Section 161 of this subtitle. All sums collected under the provisions of this subtitle shall be remitted to the State Treasury within such time as the Comptroller may require, and credited to the Conservation Fund.

164. The Commission is authorized to employ, at any time or from time to time, any and all persons it may deem necessary or advisable, and to lease or charter any and all boats, vessels, scows or other equipment, it may deem proper, for the purpose of catching, transporting, planting or replanting oysters, shells or other cultch in connection with the work of the Commission upon any and all areas reserved under the provisions of this subtitle, and to enter into any and all contracts it may deem necessary for the purposes aforesaid, within the limits of its budgetary appropriations.

168. The Conservation Commission is authorized to select and reserve for its own use for the propagation of seed oysters any portion of the area now closed because of pollution in any county and in addition thereto, any portion or portions of Holland Straits, in the waters of Dorchester and Somerset Counties.

Any person who shall catch oysters upon said reserved area, without the permission of the Conservation Commis-