

shall take or catch oysters on such leased land by any device other than tongs or patent tongs.

(u) *License for Lessee.* Any lessee desiring to take or catch oysters from any leased area by dredge or scrape shall apply to the Department of Tidewater Fisheries for an annual license, and for such license shall pay a fee of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00), provided, however, that no license shall be required in Worcester County.

(v) *Season for Taking or Catching Cultivated Oysters.* The season for taking or catching oysters for sale from leased areas of this State shall be between sunrise and sunset of any day, except Sunday, between the first day of October and the first day of April, inclusive, next succeeding, except in Worcester County, where oysters are permitted to be taken and sold at any time; provided, however, that any lessee desiring to take or catch oysters by dredge or hand scrape during October, or during the last fifteen days of March, shall give written notice of his intention so to do to the nearest officer of the Department of Tidewater Fisheries, and such notice shall name the day and hour when he intends to take or catch oysters and shall be mailed to said officer at least three days in advance of the date named in the notice.

(w) *Seed Oysters for Lessees.* It shall be lawful during the closed season for taking oysters to take oysters from the natural bars of the Chesapeake Bay for a period not to exceed one month in any year, from such bars as the Department of Tidewater Fisheries shall mark out and at such times as the said Department shall designate; provided, however, that such oysters shall be taken only in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Department of Tidewater Fisheries and shall be sold only to bona fide lessees of private oyster grounds and shall be delivered only upon lands which are under lease according to the provisions of this section.

(x) *Season for Transplanting and Cultivating Oysters.* It shall be lawful for any bona fide lessee to take oysters at any time from his leased land for private use or for the purpose of planting or cultivating, or for sale for planting by other lessees; or for any person to import into this State at any time any oysters of the species *Ostrea-virginica* for the purpose of planting on his own leased land or land leased by the State to any other person.

(y) *Disposition of Oysters Culture Fees.* All fees, funds and revenues derived from the administration of the provisions of this section shall be paid to the Comptroller of the Treasury to be credited to the Oyster Fund.