

TITLE OF THE CODE, SAID NEW SECTIONS TO FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY AFTER SECTIONS 663A (E) AND 663A (V) THEREOF, RESPECTIVELY, GENERALLY AMENDING THE LAWS IN REFERENCE TO THE TAKING OF SOFT SHELL CLAMS IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 663A (v) and 663B (~~a~~) of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1956 Supplement), title "Natural Resources", sub-title "Oysters and Clams", be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, ~~to read as follows:~~ AND THAT NEW SECTIONS 663A (E-1) AND 663A (W) RESPECTIVELY, BE AND THEY ARE HEREBY ADDED TO SAID ARTICLE AND SUB-TITLE OF THE CODE, TO FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY AFTER SECTIONS 663A (E) AND 663A (V), RESPECTIVELY, AND ALL TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

663A (E-1) 1. IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY ALL HYDRAULIC OR MECHANICAL CLAM DREDGES AND BOATS LICENSED AND OPERATING UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 663B SHALL HAVE PROPERLY INSTALLED AN ADEQUATE MUFFLER ON ALL MOTORS AND ENGINES USED IN THE OPERATION OF SAID BOAT OR HYDRAULIC OR MECHANICAL CLAM DREDGE. THE WATER JET PIPES AT EACH END OF THE MANIFOLD SHALL BE SET PARALLEL TO THE MEDIAN VERTICAL LONGITUDINAL PLANE OF THE DREDGE. A PROPELLER GUARD SHALL BE USED AS MAY BE REQUIRED BY THE COMMISSION OF TIDEWATER FISHERIES. THE COMMISSION OF TIDEWATER FISHERIES MAY REQUIRE SUCH MODIFICATIONS TO THE HYDRAULIC CLAM DREDGE AND/OR LICENSED DREDGE BOATS AND RIGS AS MAY BE DEMONSTRATED TO BE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST THROUGH RESEARCH OF THE DEPARTMENT OF RESEARCH AND EDUCATION AND RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION TO THE LATTER AGENCY. THE LICENSE NUMBER OF THE BOAT OR RIG SHALL APPEAR ON BOTH SIDES OF THE BOAT OR RIG IN CLEAR LETTERS, NOT LESS THAN EIGHT (8) INCHES HIGH. ANY PERSON WHO OPERATES SUCH BOATS OR RIGS WITHOUT THE ABOVE SPECIFIED REQUIREMENTS SHALL BE DEEMED GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND UPON CONVICTION SHALL BE FINED NOT LESS THAN FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00) NOR MORE THAN FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00).

663A. Soft Shell Clams.

(v) Nothing in this section shall be construed to permit any hydraulic, mechanical or other kind of power dredge or rig to be used for the taking of clams within **[five miles]** *one hundred yards* of any oyster bar in the waters of Anne Arundel County.

(W) 1. STATIONS FOR BUYING AND TAXING SOFT SHELL CLAMS SHALL BE DESIGNATED IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY BY THE COMMISSION OF TIDEWATER FISHERIES.

2. IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY THE COMMISSION OF TIDEWATER FISHERIES MAY REQUIRE REPORTS OF CLAMMING OPERATIONS FROM LICENSEES WHICH SHALL BE KEPT AS CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.