

7A. *Additional Powers for Department of Tidewater Fisheries.*

The Department of Tidewater Fisheries is authorized for a period of one year to have the following powers:

1. *To issue in each county a new license for commercial fishing in place of each license that is forfeited by a resident of that county.*

2. *To authorize the Tidewater Fisheries Commission to issue licenses and establish fees for all non-resident buyers of seafood, seafood in wholesale or bulk quantities, when the purchase is from a "buy boat" or from a truck or other vehicle. Any such fee shall not exceed the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) annually.*

3. *To negotiate under existing law with other States for agreements on the catching of crabs, the sizes of fish, and opening and closing of seasons.*

~~4. To open and close areas for the taking of oysters and to establish seed oyster areas, except that no such opening and closing plans, or seed areas, may be established until a majority of the legislative delegations of the county in which the areas may lie have been consulted and have agreed and after watermen have been consulted and their views made a matter of record.~~

~~5. To employ dredgers, and to permit them to use power dredging, to clean off areas known to be productive of oysters, but which are now unproductive because of grass or because of other conditions which prevent the growth of oysters; and also to cultivate oyster grounds; all such work to be done under the supervision of the Tidewater Fisheries Commission.~~

~~6. To open and close areas in the tributaries of the Chesapeake Bay for the use of patent tongs, except that no action of this nature shall be taken without the consent of the legislative delegation of the county wherein such area or areas might be involved.~~

4. *To use any funds that may be available to the Department of Tidewater Fisheries from the Federal Government, or from any gift or donation or other sources, for such purposes as may, in the judgment of the Commission of Tidewater Fisheries be necessary for the rehabilitation of the seafood industry, subject to budgetary requirements.*

5. *To cooperate with any county, or political subdivision of any county, which may provide funds for the purchase of shells and planting of same, the purchase and transplanting of seed oysters, under such regulations as the Tidewater Fisheries Commission may proscribe, except that the County Commissioners of such county, or Mayor and Council of any city that may expend funds for this purpose, or their appointed agents, shall have the right to designate areas where the shells they purchase are to be planted.*

6. *To provide a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) plus confiscation of the boat and any equipment, for any person or persons from another State taking oysters, CLAMS OR CRABS in any waters of Maryland not covered by existing prohibitory laws. This section shall not apply to the taking of oysters by non-residents, with the permission of the owners, from leased bottoms.*