

Clams”, sub-title “State Oyster Culture”, said new section to follow immediately after 707(k) thereof and to read as follows:

707.

(l) Oyster Propagation Demonstration Area. The Commission of Tidewater Fisheries is authorized to select and reserve as an Oyster Propagation Demonstration Area, for the purpose of developing merchantable oysters, any or all of that area known as Kedges Straits and the entrance thereto bounded as follows: Beginning at Holland Bar Light, marking the entrance to Kedges Straits; thence proceeding in a straight line in a southeasterly direction to the Black Staff Beacon, marking the Bay side entrance to Smith Island; thence along the stone jetty to Smith Island; thence along the shore of Smith Island in a northerly and easterly direction to a point due south of Solomons Lump Light; thence in a straight line to Solomons Lump Light; thence in a northerly direction to Sheepshead Point on South Marsh Island; thence in a straight line westerly to Holland Bar Light the point of the beginning. The Commission of Tidewater Fisheries is authorized to adopt rules and regulations for the management and development of said Oyster Propagation Demonstration Area, and by regulation may prohibit the taking of oysters, by closing or opening any portion or all of said area and may specify the type, nature and kind of oyster gear or gears which may be employed to harvest any oysters which may accumulate. The Commission of Tidewater Fisheries may provide for penalties for the violation of any rule or regulation which may be adopted as herein provided; however, the maximum penalty for the violation of any said regulation shall not exceed \$500. fine and/or more than six months imprisonment in the House of Correction and in addition to such fine or imprisonment, any court having jurisdiction may enter an order declaring the boat and all of its gear, cargo, and equipment, involved or employed in such violation, to be confiscated and shall be delivered to the Commission of Tidewater Fisheries for such disposition thereof as in the opinion of said Commission may be most advantageous to the State.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1959.*

Approved April 8, 1959.

CHAPTER 512

(House Bill 891)

AN ACT to add new Section 72 (c) to the Code of Public Local Laws of Allegany County (1955 Edition, being Article 1 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), as amended by Chapter 143 of the Acts of 1959, title “Allegany County”, sub-title “County Com-

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.