

WATER FISHERIES SHALL ISSUE A HYDRAULIC OR MECHANICAL DREDGE LICENSE FOR THE TAKING OF SOFT SHELL CLAMS FOR SUCH BOAT OR RIG IN THE COUNTY OF WHICH THE APPLICANT IS A RESIDENT AND SHALL RECEIVE THEREFOR \$25.00. LICENSES ISSUED HEREUNDER SHALL BE VALID FOR TWELVE (12) MONTHS FROM JULY FIRST TO JUNE THIRTIETH.

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(a) How to apply for hydraulic dredge license.—Any person wishing to take or catch soft shell clams (*mya arenaria*) with any hydraulic or mechanical dredge or rig in the waters of Queen Anne's County or the waters of the Chesapeake Bay adjacent thereto shall appear before the Commission of Tidewater Fisheries **[and]** *or shall, by mail to said Commission,* make application for a hydraulic or mechanical dredge or rig license. Every such applicant shall exhibit to said Commission satisfactory evidence showing the name or number and size of the boat or rig; the size of the blade, water manifold and conveyor or elevator on the boat or rig to be used, and make further oath or affirmation that he is the bona fide owner of such boat; that there is no lien on said boat held by nonresident of Maryland; that he has been a resident of Queen Anne's County for at least one year prior to the making of such application, and that the information he has furnished concerning the rig is true.

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(b) Issuance of license and duration.—Upon the receipt of the application and upon making such oath, the Commission of Tidewater Fisheries shall issue a hydraulic or mechanical dredge license for the taking of soft shell clams for such boat or rig and shall receive therefor **[\$50.00]** *twenty-five dollars (\$25.)* as a license fee. Licenses issued hereunder shall be valid for twelve (12) months from July 1st to June thirtieth.

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(d) Licenses to operate dredges; propeller guard; modifications of dredges, boats and rigs.—The rules and regulations adopted by the Commission of Tidewater Fisheries shall provide that any person, desiring a license to operate a hydraulic, mechanical, or other dredge for the catching or taking of soft shell clams, shall be the owner of his boat and a resident of the county for one year prior to his application, and each member of the crew of his boat or rig, must be, for a period of one year prior to his application, a bona fide resident of the county in which he wishes to operate such dredge, that any license, issued by the Commission of Tidewater Fisheries, shall specify the county in which such operation is authorized, shall be valid for twelve (12) months from July first to June thirtieth, and the fee therefor shall be **[fifty dollars (\$50.00).]** *twenty-five dollars (\$25.).* 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.