

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 nonresident buyers of sea food, sea food 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 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 sea food 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 prescribe, 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.

7. To import oysters of any variety to be used for experimental purposes.

8. To make uniform the size and weight of patent tongs in waters where patent tongs are or may be authorized to be used, except that any person using any size or weight of patent tongs on the effective date of this section is permitted to continue to use said tongs. (1960, ch. 109.)

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That if any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are hereby declared to be severable.

See. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That all laws or parts of laws, public general or public local, whether enacted prior to this session of the General Assembly or enacted at this session of the General Assembly, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistency.

See. 4. SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1961.

Approved April 24, 1961.