

(e) To use any funds that may be available to the Department from the federal government, or from any gift or donation or other sources, for such purposes as may, in the judgment of the Department be necessary for the rehabilitation of the seafood industry, subject to budgetary requirements.

(f) 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 Department 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.

(g) To provide a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) in addition to 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.

(h) To import shellfish or other organisms of any variety to be used for experimental purposes.

(i) 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.

13B. Any person, firm, association or corporation desiring permission to extract sand, gravel, rare earth, minerals, or any other resources from the public lands under the public navigable waters of the Chesapeake Bay (NOT INCLUDING TRIBUTARIES AND ESTUARIES OF THE BAY) must make application therefore to the Department, describing the location of the land under the public navigable waters of the Chesapeake Bay from which such resources are to be recovered, where possible by stakes driven at definite corners, or otherwise, so as to make practicable the survey of such land as provided for in Section 26 of this Article. The application shall be accompanied by a filing fee of ten dollars (\$10.00). The Department shall receive and review such application and grant a permit if deemed in the best interest of the State.

13C. The Department shall have general supervisory power, regulation and control over the taking of eels within the bounds of tide-water within which certain restrictions presently obtain, and in the sound exercise of this power, regulation, and control the Department is hereby authorized to prescribe within the said bounds of tidal waters the area within which eels may be taken and to prescribe the method or methods by means of which the eels must be taken.

13D. Whenever there is evidence or a reasonable suspicion of the presence of any destructive disease, deleterious, genetic characteristic, or of any dangerous parasite, or other biological threat to the shellfish populations of the State of Maryland, the Department is authorized and empowered to adopt rules and regulations, and to amend, alter, correct, repeal or rescind such rules and regulations, as from time to time may be necessary and advisable, to prohibit the