

(J) THE DEPARTMENT OF TIDEWATER FISHERIES OR ITS SUCCESSORS SHALL EXPEND FOR THE PLANTING OF OYSTER SHELLS, OTHER CULTCH OR SEED OYSTERS ON THE NATURAL OYSTER BARS OR SEED AREAS OR FOR THE PURCHASE OF NECESSARY EQUIPMENT TO PLANT SAID MATERIALS AND FOR NO OTHER PURPOSE (1) ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATED IN THE BUDGET FOR OYSTER PROPAGATION, AND (2) ALL MONIES REQUIRED BY SECTION 716 OF THIS SUBTITLE TO BE CREDITED BY THE COMPTROLLER TO THE OYSTER FUND. ANY UNEXPENDED BALANCE IN THE OYSTER FUND AT THE END OF ANY FISCAL YEAR SHALL REMAIN IN THE FUND AND BE SPENT FOR THE PLANTING OF SHELLS OR SEED OYSTERS DURING SUBSEQUENT YEARS AND SHALL NOT BE SPENT FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE NOR SHALL SUCH MONEYS REVERT TO GENERAL FUNDS. IN ORDER TO ASSIST IT IN THE PLANTING OF SHELLS AND SEED OYSTERS, THE DEPARTMENT OF TIDEWATER FISHERIES OR ITS SUCCESSORS SHALL HAVE THE LICENSED OYSTERMEN SELECT A COMMITTEE FOR EACH TIDEWATER COUNTY OF THIS STATE OF FIVE REPRESENTATIVE LICENSED OYSTERMEN, WHO EARN THEIR LIVELIHOOD BY CATCHING OYSTERS. IN THE PLANTING OF SHELLS OR SEED OYSTERS IN ANY AREA, THE DEPARTMENT OF TIDEWATER FISHERIES OR ITS SUCCESSORS SHALL CONFER WITH AND PROCURE THE ADVICE OF THE COMMITTEE OF OYSTERMEN FOR THE COUNTY ADJACENT OR NEAREST TO THE TONGING AREA TO BE PLANTED. A SIMILAR ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF FIVE LICENSED DREDGERS SHALL BE SELECTED TO CONFER AND ADVISE IN THE PROPAGATION OF OYSTERS IN THE DREDGING AREAS. IN THE EVENT THAT THE LICENSED OYSTERMEN OF ANY COUNTY HAVE NOT, WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER DECEMBER 1, 1961, FILLED THE INITIAL APPOINTMENTS TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEES PROVIDED FOR HEREUNDER, SUCH INITIAL APPOINTMENTS SHALL BE MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT. WHERE AN INITIAL APPOINTMENT HAS BEEN MADE, BUT A VACANCY HAS OCCURRED BECAUSE OF THE MEMBER'S INABILITY OR UNWILLINGNESS TO SERVE, AND SUCH VACANCY IS NOT FILLED BY THE LICENSED OYSTERMEN OF THE PARTICULAR COUNTY WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE VACANCY HAS OCCURRED, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAKE THE NECESSARY APPOINTMENTS TO FILL EACH VACANCY. UPON THE SELECTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEES OF TONGERS AND DREDGERS PROVIDED FOR HEREIN AND UPON THE FILLING OF ANY VACANCY IN ANY OF THE COMMITTEES, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROMPTLY NOTIFY THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM THE COUNTY OF THE NAMES OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS SELECTED OR APPOINTED TO FILL A VACANCY IN SAID COUNTY.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1964.

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