

EVENT OF CERTAIN ACTION BY THE POTOMAC RIVER FISHERIES COMMISSION OR FOR OTHER REASONS.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Sections 713(f), 714(f-1), 715A(h), 715B(g-1) and 715C(f-1) be and they are hereby added to Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1964 Supplement), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Oysters and Clams," to follow immediately after Sections 713(e), 714(f), 715A(g), 715B(g) and 715C(f) thereof, Section 714 thereof having been last amended by Chapter 694 of the Acts of 1963, and all to read as follows:

713(f).

714(f-1).

715A(h).

715B(g-1).

715C(f-1).

(a) *It is unlawful for any person who is licensed in the State to take or catch soft-shell clams and for any boat or rig licensed in the State for or used in the taking or catching of soft-shell clams to take or catch more than forty (40) bushels of soft-shell clams in any calendar day. The provisions of this section and of the other applicable sections of this subtitle shall be effective as to any clams landed in the State regardless of where the clams were taken or caught.*

(B) WHENEVER THE POTOMAC RIVER FISHERIES COMMISSION UNDER ITS REGULATORY POWERS ESTABLISHES A DAILY CATCH LIMITATION DIFFERENT FROM THAT SET IN THIS SECTION OR WHENEVER IN THE JUDGMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT THE INTEREST OF CONSERVATION OR THE CLAMMING INDUSTRY OR BOTH SO REQUIRE, THE DEPARTMENT IS AUTHORIZED BY REGULATION TO CHANGE THE DAILY LIMITATION PROVIDED HEREIN TO THE DAILY FIGURE ESTABLISHED BY THE POTOMAC RIVER FISHERIES COMMISSION.

(C) THE LIMITATION IMPOSED UNDER THIS SECTION IS APPLICABLE TO ALL CLAMS CAUGHT OR TAKEN WITHIN THE GEOGRAPHICAL LIMITS OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

~~SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1965.~~

SEC. 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, THAT THIS ACT IS HEREBY DECLARED TO BE AN EMERGENCY MEASURE AND NECESSARY FOR THE IMMEDIATE PRESERVATION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY, AND HAVING BEEN PASSED BY A YEA AND NAY VOTE SUPPORTED BY THREE-FIFTHS OF THE MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH OF THE TWO HOUSES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE SAME SHALL TAKE EFFECT FROM THE DATE OF ITS PASSAGE.

Approved March 30, 1965.