

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] *Chesapeake Bay Affairs* 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, *or in the closing or reservation of any area under the provisions of this section*, the Department of [Tidewater Fisheries] *Chesapeake Bay Affairs* 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, closed or reserved. 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.

[(k)] (h) The Department of [Tidewater Fisheries] *Chesapeake Bay Affairs* is authorized to set aside for each public tidewater high school not more than five acres of submerged barren tidewater lands to be used for the sole purpose of experimental oyster farming or for the cultivation of other shellfish in conjunction with regular scholastic conservation studies. The procedure of setting aside said areas shall be as provided in subsection [(d)] (b) of this section and the area so designated shall be marked in the manner provided in Section 708, subsection (p) of this subtitle. Said high schools may introduce and use modern methods of planting, harvesting or marketing the fishery products so cultivated without regard to any of the restrictive provisions set forth in this subtitle. If after three years the subject school has not used the barren bottom for their studies or if the studies are discontinued the lands shall revert to the State.

All the acreage now in use by the high school students of Calvert County shall continue under their custody under the provisions of this bill.

[(l)] The Commission of Tidewater Fisheries is authorized to select and reserve as an oyster propagation demonstration area, for the purpose of developing merchantable oysters, any or all of that area known as Kedges Straits and the entrance thereto bounded as follows: Beginning at Holland Bar Light, marking the entrance to Kedges Straits; thence proceeding in a straight line in a southeasterly direction to the Black Staff Beacon, marking the Bay side entrance to Smith Island; thence along the stone jetty to Smith