

with the time and place of such public hearing, shall be published once or more, if the commission deems best, in a weekly or daily newspaper in general circulation in such city and county. When such regulations are adopted by the council, a copy thereof shall be certified by the commission to the county clerk of the county in which the municipality and territory are located for record.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1969.*

Approved April 23, 1969.

CHAPTER 221

(Senate Bill 349)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 13B of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs," to require persons dredging oyster shells **UNDER THE WATERS OF THE CHESAPEAKE BAY AND THE POTOMAC RIVER** to leave a certain portion of the bottom untouched.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 13B of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

13B.

(a) 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)~~ **AND THE POTOMAC RIVER** must make application therefore to the Department describing the location of the land under the public navigable waters of the Chesapeake Bay **AND THE POTOMAC RIVER** 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.

(b) *Persons dredging oyster shells from the public lands under the navigable waters of the Chesapeake Bay AND THE POTOMAC RIVER shall leave APPROXIMATELY one hundred feet of bottom untouched for every one thousand feet dredged. These APPROXIMATELY one hundred feet areas shall be left so as to constitute strips, which shall be located across the tide. These strips shall be maintained and no persons may destroy or damage them by dredging or other means. These provisions shall not apply to the taking of oysters as governed by Sections 696 through 717 of this Article.*