- e. Little Choptank River;
- d. Tar Bay:
- e. Honga River:
- f. All waters east of a line running from Richland Point to Okahanikan Point:
- g. All waters east of a line running from the most southerly point of Holland Island to Holland Island Bar Light;
- k. Any areas reserved by the Department for production of seed oysters.
- (3) Queen Anne's County.—In the waters of Eastern Bay and its tributaries; Shipping Creek; Cox's Creek; Crab Alley Creek; Wye River south of a line from the southernmost tip of Ferry Point to the northernmost tip of Drum Point; Wye East River west of a line from the southernmost tip of Wye Island to the northernmost tip of Bruff's Island; Kent Narrows south of a line drawn from the northernmost tip of Ferry Point to the northernmost tip of Long Point.
- (4) Somerset County.—In the Wicomico River or Monie Bay east of a line from the easternmost entrance of Rock Creek to the southeast extremity of Mollie's Point.
- (5) ST. MARY'S COUNTY—IN ALL WATERS OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY TRIBUTARY TO THE POTOMAC RIVER.
  - (6) Talbot County.—
- a. In the Tred Avon River and in Town Creek in front of the town of Oxford, between the shoreline and the center of the channel, except during the months of October and November;
- b. Within 1,200 feet of the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries Laboratory at Oxford;

## Opening and Closing Areas Where Dredging Is Not Prohibited

(e) The Department is authorized to open or close for the taking of soft shell clams by hydraulic clam dredge any area where the taking of soft shell clams by hydraulic clam dredge is not specifically prohibited under the provisions of this section. Openings and closings of areas under the provisions of this subsection shall be preceded by appropriate notice in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the State, AND IN AT LEAST ONE NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION PUBLISHED IN THE AFFECTED COUNTY OR COUNTIES, and shall be effective no less than 24 hours from publication of such notice IF SUCH AREAS ARE IN THE WATERS ENUMERATED IN SUBSECTION (F); IN THE CASE OF ANY OTHER AREAS, CLOSURES SHALL BE EFFECTIVE NO LESS THAN TWO WEEKS FROM PUBLICATION OF THE NOTICE OF CLOSING.

## Opening and Closing Areas Where Dredging Is Restricted By Subsection (d)

(f) The Department is authorized to open and close for the taking of soft shell clams by hydraulic clam dredge any area in which the taking of soft shell clams by hydraulic clam dredge is not pro-