

DREDGING SEASON.

(A) TIME FOR TAKING OYSTERS. - A PERSON MAY NOT CATCH OYSTERS ON SUNDAY OR BETWEEN SUNSET ON ANY DAY AND SUNRISE ON THE FOLLOWING DAY OR LAND OYSTERS EARLIER THAN ONE HOUR BEFORE SUNRISE OR LATER THAN ONE HOUR AFTER SUNSET. A BUY BOAT OR BUY TRUCK MAY NOT UNLOAD OYSTERS EARLIER THAN ONE HOUR BEFORE SUNRISE OR LATER THAN ONE HOUR AFTER SUNSET UNLESS THE CARGO OF THE BUY BOAT OR BUY TRUCK IS ACCOMPANIED BY A CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION ISSUED BY A NATURAL RESOURCES POLICE OFFICER. THE CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION SHALL STATE THE POINT OF ORIGIN, AND THE TIME OF ORIGIN WHICH SHALL BE BETWEEN SUNRISE AND SUNSET, AND THE QUANTITY, IN BUSHELS, OF THE CARGO. HOWEVER, ANY BUY BOAT OR BUY TRUCK MAY BE UNLOADED BETWEEN SUNSET AND SUNRISE.

(B) TONGING SEASON. - A PERSON MAY NOT CATCH OYSTERS BY TONGS OR PATENT TONGS EXCEPT DURING THE TONGING SEASON FROM SEPTEMBER 1 TO MARCH 31 THE FOLLOWING YEAR. HOWEVER, IN THE WATERS OF WORCESTER COUNTY, THE TONGING SEASON IS FROM JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, INCLUSIVE.

(C) DREDGING SEASON. - A PERSON MAY NOT CATCH OYSTERS BY DREDGE IN THE WATERS OF THE STATE WHERE DREDGING IS PERMITTED EXCEPT DURING THE DREDGING SEASON FROM NOVEMBER 1 TO MARCH 15 OF THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

REVISOR'S NOTE: Subsection (a) presently appears as Article 66C, section 698(d) of the Code. The reference in the present statute to the inspector of the Department of Tidewater Fisheries is proposed for deletion since his duties have been assumed by the Natural Resources Police Force created by Chapter 348, Acts of 1972.

Subsection (b) presently appears as Article 66C, section 700(l) of the Code.

Subsection (c) presently appears as Article 66C, section 702(i) of the Code and is set forth here for organizational purposes.

The only other changes made are in style.

4-1009. CATCHING OYSTERS ON NATURAL OYSTER BARS; SECRETARY MAY REGULATE CATCH LIMIT; CATCHING OYSTERS