

desires to retain this section for future use. The only other changes made are in style.

4-1105. CATCHING OYSTERS IN CLOSED OR RESERVED AREAS PROHIBITED.

A PERSON MAY NOT CATCH OYSTERS ON ANY AREA CLOSED OR RESERVED FOR PROPAGATION OF OYSTER SEED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE. THIS SECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT THE DEPARTMENT FROM CATCHING OYSTERS.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section presently appears as Article 66C, section 707(f) of the Code. The only changes made are in style.

4-1106. TRANSPLANTING OYSTERS; COMMITTEE OF OYSTERMEN; EXPENDITURES; TEMPORARY CLOSING OF BARS.

(A) DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZED TO TRANSPLANT OYSTERS. - THE DEPARTMENT MAY TRANSPLANT OYSTERS, SHELLS, OR OTHER CULTCH FROM ONE CLOSED AREA TO ANOTHER, TRANSPLANT OR OTHERWISE UTILIZE WITHIN THE STATE SEED OYSTERS PRODUCED ON SHELLS OR OTHER CULTCH PLANTED BY THE DEPARTMENT, OR TRANSPLANT OR UTILIZE ANY OTHER SEED OYSTER WHICH MAY ACCUMULATE ON AREAS WHERE SEED OYSTERS ARE NOT LIKELY TO DEVELOP INTO DESIRABLE MARKETABLE OYSTERS.

(B) COMMITTEE OF OYSTERMEN; FUNCTION; APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS. - THE DEPARTMENT SHALL HAVE LICENSED OYSTERMEN SELECT A COMMITTEE OF FIVE REPRESENTATIVE LICENSED TONGERS, WHO EARN THEIR LIVELIHOOD BY CATCHING OYSTERS, FOR EACH TIDEWATER COUNTY OF THE STATE. WHEN PLANTING SHELLS OR SEED OYSTERS OR CLOSING OR RESERVING ANY TONGING AREA, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONFER WITH AND PROCURE THE ADVICE OF THE COMMITTEE OF OYSTERMEN FOR THE COUNTY ADJACENT OR NEAREST TO THE AREA.

A SIMILAR ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF FIVE LICENSED DREDGERS SHALL BE SELECTED TO CONFER AND ADVISE IN THE PROPAGATION OF OYSTERS IN THE DREDGING AREAS. WHEN A VACANCY OCCURS BECAUSE A MEMBER IS UNABLE OR UNWILLING TO SERVE AND THIS VACANCY IS NOT FILLED BY THE LICENSED OYSTERMEN OF THE PARTICULAR COUNTY WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE VACANCY OCCURS, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAKE THE NECESSARY APPOINTMENTS TO FILL EACH VACANCY. WHEN COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE SELECTED OR WHEN ANY VACANCY IS FILLED, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROMPTLY NOTIFY THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM THE