

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 10, 1978.

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CHAPTER 20

(Senate Bill 1053)

AN ACT concerning

Handscraping of Oysters in Calvert and  
St. Mary's County Counties

FOR the purpose of permitting the Department of Natural Resources to authorize the handscraping of oysters in the waters of Calvert and St. Mary's County Counties for a certain period of time if inclement weather prevails during the tonging season; providing that the Department shall establish regulations for the handscraping of oysters in St. Mary's County Calvert and St. Mary's Counties; providing that there shall be a catch limit of a certain number of bushels per man and no more than a certain number of bushels per boat; prohibiting a person from handscraping for oysters after a certain time; and making this Act an emergency measure.

BY adding to

Article - Natural Resources  
Section 4-1008(e)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1974 Volume and 1977 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article - Natural Resources

4-1008.

(E) (1) UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CALVERT COUNTY OR THE ST. MARY'S COUNTY TONGERS' COMMITTEE, THE DEPARTMENT MAY AUTHORIZE HANDSCRAPING OF OYSTERS IN THE WATERS OF CALVERT AND ST. MARY'S COUNTY COUNTIES FOR 2 WEEKS