

BY adding to

Article - Natural Resources
 Section 4-1006(d) 4-1020.1-4-1011(f) and (g) and 4-1020.1
4-1015.1
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1974 Volume and 1982 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Natural Resources

4-1005-

~~(a) -- (A) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN § 4-1006 (D) OF THIS SUBTITLE, A person may catch oysters or clams in the waters of the State only by hand, rakes, tongs, patent tongs, diving apparatus, dredges, handscrapes, cultch material suspended on strings, in trays, in bags, or similar devices. Soft-shell clams may be caught by hydraulic or mechanical dredges or rigs.~~

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~~(D) -- IN THE WATERS OF DORCHESTER COUNTY AND TALBOT COUNTY, A PERSON MAY NOT CATCH OYSTERS BY USING ANY DIVING APPARATUS.~~

4-1005.

(a) SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBTITLE, A [A] person may catch oysters or clams in the waters of the State only by hand, rakes, tongs, patent tongs, diving apparatus, dredges, handscrapes, cultch material suspended on strings, in trays, in bags, or similar devices. Soft-shell clams may be caught by hydraulic or mechanical dredges or rigs.

4-1011-

~~(F) -- TO CATCH OYSTERS, A PERSON MAY NOT USE PATENT TONGS, DREDGES, HAND SCRAPES, DIVING APPARATUS, SCOOPS, SCRAPES, OR ANY SIMILAR DEVICES AND MAY USE ONLY HAND TONGS IN THE FOLLOWING WATERS -- IN KENT, QUEEN ANNE'S, TALBOT, DORCHESTER, WICOMICO, AND SOMERSET COUNTIES.~~

~~(1) -- IN THE CHESTER RIVER, ALL THAT AREA UP RIVER OF A LINE DRAWN FROM LOVE POINT IN A NORTHEASTERLY DIRECTION TO THE MOST NORTHWESTERLY POINT ON EASTERN NECK ISLAND, THE KENT NARROWS BRIDGE DELINEATING THE SOUTHERNMOST BOUNDARY.~~

~~(2) -- IN EASTERN BAY:~~

~~(i) -- ALL THAT AREA NORTH OF A LINE DRAWN FROM BENNETT POINT TO THE MOST SOUTHWESTERN END OF PARSONS ISLAND, THEN TO KENT POINT, THE KENT NARROWS BRIDGE DELINEATING THE NORTHERNMOST BOUNDARY.~~