

Section 4-1011(a) and (b) and 4-1012(a) and (b)(4)  
 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

4-1011.

(a) A person may not use patent tongs to catch oysters in any of the following waters: Wicomico, Queen Anne's, Talbot, Dorchester, and Kent counties, except on [Swann Point Bar, White Marsh, Gum Spring, under the Bar and Entrance Lumps. However, the Department may open or close Hickory Thicket Bar.] THE FOLLOWING NATURAL OYSTER BARS: 2-9, 5-1, 5-2, 5-3B, AND 5-7, AS DEFINED ON THE CHARTS OF THE OYSTER SURVEY OF 1906 TO 1912, AND ITS AMENDMENTS.

(b) A person may catch oysters by patent or hand tongs[, but not by dredging,] in Talbot County waters within the following bounds:

[Beginning in Eastern Bay at a point on the Talbot-Queen Anne's County line which is intersected by a straight line drawn from Lowes Point to the Bloody Point Lighthouse, from there in a northeasterly direction along the Talbot-Queen Anne's County line to the point where a straight line drawn from the Long Point buoy to the Wades Point bell-buoy (R "2a") intersects the county line, from there in a southeasterly direction to the Wades Point bell-buoy (R "2a"), from there towards Wades Point for a distance of six-tenths of a mile to the six foot depth contour line of the Eastern Bay shore of Talbot County, from there along the contour line (approximately one-half mile from the shore) in a southwesterly direction to a point where the contour line intersects a straight line drawn from the easternmost corner of the Lowes Point Oyster Bar to the northernmost corner of Lowes Point Oyster Bar, from there in a northernmost corner of the Lowes Point Oyster Bar, from there in a southwesterly straight line to a straight line drawn from Lowes Point to the Bloody Point Lighthouse and being approximately one and three-quarter miles in a northwesterly direction from Lowes Point, and from there to the point of beginning. The bounds shall be marked by buoys.] BEGINNING AT KENT POINT AND FOLLOWING THE TERRITORIAL COUNTY LINE IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION TO WHERE IT INTERCEPTS THE QUEEN ANNE'S-TALBOT COUNTY LINE, THEN FOLLOWING THE COUNTY LINE NORTHEASTERLY TO THE POINT WHERE A STRAIGHT LINE DRAWN FROM LONG POINT TO THE WADES POINT BELL BUOY INTERSECTS THE COUNTY LINE, FROM THERE IN A SOUTHEASTERLY DIRECTION TO THE WADES POINT BELL BUOY, AND THEN DIRECT TO WADES POINT, AND THEN FOLLOWING THE SHORELINE TO LOWES POINT, AND THEN DIRECT TOWARDS THE BLOODY POINT LIGHTHOUSE FOR A DISTANCE OF 1.8 MILES, AND THEN DIRECT TO NORTH POINT ON POPLAR ISLAND.