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(a) A person may not catch oysters by dredge in the following areas of the Chesapeake Bay: the area bounded by a line drawn from Lowes Point [to Bloody Point Lighthouse then to the northern end of Poplar Island;] TOWARDS THE BLOODY POINT LIGHTHOUSE FOR A DISTANCE OF 1.8 MILES, AND THEN DIRECT TO NORTH POINT ON POPLAR ISLAND; then southerly around the westerly shore of Poplar Island to the southwesterly most point; then running in a straight line to the Department marker on the northern shore of Pawpaw Cove which area shall be reserved for catching of oysters with shaft tongs only; all the area lying within one-fourth mile of the western shore of Poplar Island; all the area within one-half mile of Plum Point; all the area within one and one-half miles of Sandy Point, Hackett Point, Tolly Point, and Thomas Point within Anne Arundel County waters; and the following oyster bars: [Holland Point, Three Sisters, Parkers Rock including Bay Shore and Long Oyster Bars, Flagpond, Swan Point, Hickory Thickett, Entrance Lump, White Marsh, Gum Spring, Huntingfield, Windmill Flats, and Muddy Drain; as defined by the charts of the Oyster Survey of 1906 to 1912, and its amendments.] 2-9, 2-10, 5-1, 5-2, 5-3A, 5-3B, 8-2, 8-6, AND 8-9, AS DEFINED BY THE CHARTS OF THE OYSTER SURVEY OF 1906 TO 1912, AND ITS AMENDMENTS.

(b) A person may not catch oysters by dredge except in the following waters:

(4) Talbot County. [The waters lying between a line drawn from Lowes Point to Bloody Point Lighthouse and a line drawn from Wades Point Farmhouse to Wades Point bell buoy and then from Wades Point bell buoy to Second Kent or Long Point.] THE WATERS BAYWARD OF A LINE 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 BELL BUOY; AND THEN DIRECT TO WADES POINT; 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.

~~SECTION--2--AND-BE-IT-FURTHER-ENACTED--That--this--Act--shall--take--effect--July--17--1983--~~

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 ye 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.