

Potomac River Fisheries Commission -
Inspection Tax for Oysters

FOR the purpose of altering the amount of inspection tax that the Potomac River Fisheries Commission may impose per bushel of oysters caught in the Potomac River; and providing that this Act may not take effect until a similar Act is passed by the Commonwealth of Virginia.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources

Section 4-306 Article III Section 9 of the Potomac River
Compact of 1958

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1983 Replacement Volume and 1984 Supplement)

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

Article - Natural Resources

4-306.

Article III

Commission Powers and Duties

Section 9. The commission may impose an inspection tax, in an amount as fixed from time to time by the commission, [not exceeding 25 cents per bushel,] upon all oysters caught within the limits of the Potomac River, WHICH INSPECTION TAX MAY NOT EXCEED THE HIGHER SEVERANCE TAX PER BUSHEL ON OYSTERS THAT IS IMPOSED BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA OR THE STATE OF MARYLAND IN THE WATERS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE JURISDICTIONS. The tax shall be paid by the buyer at the place in Maryland or Virginia where the oysters are unloaded from vessels and are to be shipped no further in bulk in vessel, to an agent of the commission, or to such officer or employee of the Virginia Fisheries Commission or of the Maryland Department of Tidewater Fisheries, as may be designated by the commission, and by him paid over to the commission.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act may not take effect until a similar Act is passed by the Commonwealth of Virginia; that the Commonwealth of Virginia is requested to concur in this Act of the General Assembly of Maryland by the passage of a similar Act; that the Department of Legislative Reference shall notify the appropriate officials of the Commonwealth of Virginia of the passage of this Act; and that upon the concurrence in this Act by the Commonwealth of Virginia, the Governor of the State of Maryland shall issue a proclamation declaring this Act valid and effective.