

any area within 150 feet of any natural oyster or natural clam bar in any county; any area within 600 feet of any natural oyster or clam bar in the Chesapeake Bay; any clam bed as defined by the charts of the Oyster Survey of 1906 to 1912 and its amendments. Any lease granted in violation of the provisions of this subsection is null and void and the land described in the lease shall revert to the State as though a lease had not been made.

(d) (1) A leased oyster bottom shall be as rectangularly shaped as possible. A tract or parcel of land may not be leased in any of the following waters if it falls short of the minimum area or exceeds the maximum area specified below:

- Waters of the Chesapeake Bay
lying outside county
waters.....5 acres to 500 acres
- Tangier Sound ~~AND-AQUACULTURE~~
~~ENTERPRISE-ZONES~~.....1 acre to 100 acres
- All other counties.....1 acre to 30 acres

(2) (i) 1. In Worcester County, a leased oyster bottom shall be as rectangularly shaped as possible, and shall be between 1 acre and 50 acres in size. Except ~~AS--AN--AQUACULTURE~~
~~ENTERPRISE--ZONE--OR~~ as provided in item 2. of this subparagraph, the Department may not lease to one person a total amount of leased oyster bottom in Worcester County exceeding 50 acres.

2. In Worcester County, 2 or more individuals may work in concert and have operative control over a total amount of leased oyster bottom not exceeding 200 acres. If a lessee works in concert with other individuals so that the lessee exercises operative control over more than 200 acres of leased oyster bottom, the interest of the lessee shall revert to the State as if a lease had not been made.

(ii) Notwithstanding the provisions of item 2. of subparagraph (i), an individual who works in concert with other individuals and has operative control over more than 200 acres of leased oyster bottom in Worcester County on June 1, 1986, may continue to work and have operative control over those acres of leased oyster bottom.

(e) (1) Notwithstanding any provision of subsection (b) of this section, the Department may issue or renew a lease for any leased oyster bottom that previously was leased for purposes of oyster cultivation under this subtitle if: