

(I) MAY ISSUE A POWER DREDGE LICENSE ONLY TO THE HOLDER OF AN OYSTER HARVESTER LICENSE; AND

(II) SHALL SUSPEND A PERSON'S OYSTER HARVESTER LICENSE ON ISSUANCE OF A POWER DREDGE LICENSE UNTIL THE TIME THE HOLDER SURRENDERS THE POWER DREDGE LICENSE TO THE DEPARTMENT.

(3) (I) IF A PERSON WANTS TO REOBTAIN THE PERSON'S PREVIOUSLY VALID OYSTER HARVESTER LICENSE, THE PERSON SHALL RETURN THE PERSON'S CURRENTLY VALID POWER DREDGING LICENSE TO THE DEPARTMENT.

(II) UPON RECEIPT OF THE POWER DREDGING LICENSE, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL EXCHANGE, AT NO COST, THE POWER DREDGING LICENSE FOR THE PERSON'S FORMER, CURRENTLY VALID OYSTER LICENSE.

(D) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH ZONES BY REGULATIONS WITHIN THE FOLLOWING AREAS IN WHICH A PERSON MAY CATCH OYSTERS BY POWER DREDGING ONLY DURING THE POWER DREDGING SEASON. THE POWER DREDGING SEASON FOR OYSTERS SHALL RUN FROM NOVEMBER 1 TO MARCH ~~15~~ 30 IN THE WATERS OF THE STATE THAT LIE CONTIGUOUS TO DORCHESTER COUNTY, BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHERNMOST POINT OF LAND AT PRY ISLAND, THEN RUNNING COTERMINOUS WITH THE CRAB POT LINE TO THE SOUTHERNMOST POINT OF LAND AT JAMES ISLAND, THEN TO THE LIGHTED BUOY AT KENWOOD BEACH, AT LATITUDE 38 DEGREES 30 MINUTES, THEN TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

(E) (1) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF § 4-1008(A) OF THIS SUBTITLE, A PERSON MAY NOT CATCH OYSTERS WITH A POWER DREDGING LICENSE:

(I) ON SATURDAY OR SUNDAY; ~~OR~~

(II) BEFORE SUNRISE OR AFTER 3:00 P.M. ON ANY DAY MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY; OR

(III) IN ANY AREA CLOSED TO HYDRAULIC CLAM DREDGING UNDER § 4-1006.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(2) IN ADDITION TO THE PROVISIONS OF § 4-1013(E) AND (F) OF THIS SUBTITLE, A PERSON WHO HAS A POWER DREDGING LICENSE UNDER THIS SECTION:

(I) HAS A LIMIT OF 12 BUSHELLS FOR EACH PERSON OR 24 BUSHELLS PER BOAT, WITH A LIMIT OF TWO LICENSED POWER DREDGERS PER BOAT; AND

(II) MAY USE ONLY A POWER DREDGE BAR THAT HAS A MINIMUM SIZE OF 36 INCHES UP TO A MAXIMUM SIZE OF 42 INCHES.

(F) (1) THE SECRETARY MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THE INTENT OF THIS SECTION.

(2) THE REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE SECRETARY MAY VARY THE LIMITS ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (E)(2)(I) OF THIS SECTION.