

(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.] A PERSON WHO IS PERMITTED TO CATCH OYSTERS WITH A POWER DREDGE UNDER THIS SECTION MAY NOT HARVEST OYSTERS BY ANY OTHER HARVESTING METHODS ON DAYS WHEN OYSTERS ARE HARVESTED WITH A POWER DREDGE.

(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 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] PERMIT:

(i) On Saturday or Sunday;

(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] PERMIT under this section:

(i) Has a limit of 12 bushels for each person or 24 bushels per boat, with a limit of two [licensed] PERMITTED 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.

(3) (i) The regulations shall establish an oyster sanctuary consisting of not less than 100 acres within the area described in subsection (d) of this section.

(ii) A person may not catch oysters in the oyster sanctuary described in the regulations.

(iii) The sanctuary shall be established before the opening of the power dredge season.

(4) The regulations shall authorize the Department to establish a program at the beginning of the power dredge season to purchase oysters at no less