

~~(a) A lessee may plant, cultivate, sow, or protect oysters, OR RESTORE OYSTERS, only of the species known as Crassostrea virginica in the waters of the State.~~

~~4-11A-13.~~

~~(a) A lessee may cultivate or remove oysters planted on [his] THE LESSEE'S leased oyster bottom in any manner [he] THE LESSEE deems proper, if [he] THE LESSEE complies with the provisions of this subtitle relating to dredging and tonging when transplanting oysters or catching them for commercial purposes.~~

~~(b) Each lessee shall keep accurate records concerning the seeding and planting of cultch and oysters on, and the harvesting, and selling of oysters from [his] THE LESSEE'S leased oyster bottom. Each lessee shall report this information to the Department on forms the Department prescribes.~~

~~(c) (1) In that water area in Somerset County of Pocomoke Sound and Pocomoke River, east of Tull's Point, and Marumseo natural oyster bar eastward to William's Point, IF THE OYSTER BOTTOM IS LEASED FOR CULTIVATION a lessee may authorize a nonresident to take oysters by tong as provided by this section.~~

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(c) [Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a member of the Fish and Wildlife Commission as of June 30, 1972, may serve the unexpired remainder of his term as a member of an advisory commission created by law.]

(1) THERE IS AN OYSTER ADVISORY COMMISSION IN THE DEPARTMENT.

(2) THE COMMISSION CONSISTS OF MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE SECRETARY.

(3) THE COMMISSION SHALL:

(i) PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT WITH ADVICE ON MATTERS RELATED TO OYSTERS IN THE CHESAPEAKE BAY;

(ii) REVIEW THE BEST POSSIBLE SCIENCE AND RECOMMEND CHANGES TO THE FRAMEWORK AND STRATEGIES FOR REBUILDING AND MANAGING THE OYSTER POPULATION IN THE CHESAPEAKE BAY UNDER THE CHESAPEAKE BAY OYSTER MANAGEMENT PLAN;