

Sections 255 and 256 shall catch oysters within two hundred yards of the shore; and the County Commissioners shall furnish two suitable buoys, and the captain of the police boat guarding these waters shall keep said buoys anchored on said line from Bishop's Head Point to Clay Island Lighthouse, and the use of scrapes or other similar instruments for taking or catching oysters north of this line are hereby prohibited; provided, that it shall be lawful for citizens of Dorchester County to catch oysters with scoops, scrapes or dredges in the aforesaid waters of said county in boats owned by said citizens, which were licensed for the oyster season ending March 15th, 1900, whose custom-house measurement does not exceed ten and fifty-two one-hundredths gross tons according to rules of the custom-house measurement, such measurement to be ascertained as is hereafter provided for boats of seven tons gross tonnage.

Other regulations.

254. It shall not be lawful for any damaged boat, canoe or vessel to be employed to catch oysters with scoops, scrapes or dredges in the waters of Dorchester County, and all timbers more than five inches in depth used in the construction of said boat to which her bottom is fastened, or any and all other materials used to make the space between the ceiling and the bottom planks over five and one-half inches, and all ceilings over two inches thick, and any and all materials used between such ceiling and deck decreasing custom-house tonnage, shall be considered dunnage, and the admeasurers to be appointed by the Governor as hereinbefore in Section two hundred and fifty-one of this Article providing as amended by the Acts passed at the January session, nineteen hundred, shall examine and measure all boats over six tons gross (custom-house measurement), or smaller boats, if in their judgment they have reason to believe that such boats have been incorrectly measured prior to the granting by the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Dorchester County a license to catch oysters with scoops, scrapes or dredges, and the said admeasurers, acting together, shall as soon as notified and paid one dollar for each boat and traveling expenses and cost of certificate and revenue stamps by the captain or managing owner of such boats, proceed to examine and measure the same; if after examining and measuring such boat or boats, the admeasurers find that such boat is under seven tons gross, or under ten and fifty-two one hundredths tons gross, if such boat was licensed to take oysters with scoops, scrapes or dredges in said waters, for the season ending March 15th, 1900, and no dunnage in any of said boats, they shall, under oath, certify to the clerk of said

Unlawful for damaged boats, etc., to be used in catching oysters.

Admeasurers appointed by the Governor. Duties of.