

any waters of said county not parcel of any creek, river, cove or inlet, which license shall hold good for one oyster season only; and shall only authorize the catching of oysters as aforesaid between the fifteenth day of October in any year and the fifteenth day of April next succeeding on which said last-mentioned day the said season shall close and end in said county, and said license shall expire, but no vessel over ten and one-half tons gross measurement, ascertained by proper custom-house measurement, shall be authorized to be used under any such license, and no vessel over ten and one-half tons gross tonnage shall be used or employed in taking oysters in any waters of said county, and the said license shall specify the canoe or vessel to be used by the license, the number and name; and said citizen shall pay for said license at the rate of two dollars per ton for the vessel so employed, and the tonnage of vessels and canoes to be licensed shall be ascertained by Custom-house measurements; and no canoe or other vessel shall be employed in taking oysters with scrapers, scoops, drag or dredge in the waters of Somerset County, unless the owner thereof shall have first obtained a license therefor, as above provided; and any person having a license aforesaid for any vessel, shall provide a number on canvas, to be prescribed and furnished by the Clerk of the Circuit Court, of the same size as that required now or hereafter by the State oyster law, in red figures, corresponding with the number of his said license, and shall affix the same securely to the mainsail, but on the opposite side thereof from that required by the State law, and shall keep the said number in proper position and plainly visible at all times while at work, or going to or from work, during the dredging season, and the provisions of this section shall not apply to Pocomoke Sound, wherein it shall be unlawful at all times to take oysters with scoop, scraper, drag or dredge, and said license shall not be transferable: and any person or persons violating any of the provisions of this section, or found guilty of dunnaging his or their boats to escape a just and proper measurement of the same by said Custom-house officials, shall be found guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, upon conviction before any justice of the peace or the Circuit Court for Somerset County, be fined in a sum of not less than one hundred dollars or more than three hundred dollars for each offense, or sentenced to the House of Correction for one year, or both, in the discretion of the court or the justice of the peace trying the same.

Limit  
of tonnage  
measurement.

License rate  
per ton.

License  
number on  
canvas.

License not  
transferable.

Penalty.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 7, 1900.