

CHAPTER 131.

AN ACT for the better protection of oysters, clams, terrapins and fish in Synepuxent Bay and its tributaries, in Worcester county.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That it shall be lawful for the citizens of Maryland to take or remove oysters from the natural rocks in the waters of Synepuxent Bay, or in any of the tributaries thereof, included in the boundaries of Worcester county, with rakes or tongs, *provided* that this Act shall not authorize the taking and catching of oysters with rakes or tongs, or any other instrument, between the first day of June and the fifteenth day of September in each year, which is hereby expressly forbidden; and *provided* that nothing herein shall be so construed as to prevent any person from catching or taking his or her own planted oysters in the months aforesaid.

SEC. 2. *Be it enacted,* That it shall not be lawful for any person or persons, other than citizens or actual residents of Maryland, to haul or fish with any seine or seines of any description, rake or catch oysters, clams or terrapins, or plant oysters, in the waters of Synepuxent Bay, or any of the tributaries thereof, included in the boundaries of Worcester county.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be lawful for all citizens and residents of the State of Maryland to haul or fish with any seine or seines of any description in any of the aforesaid waters of Worcester county, *provided* that the meshes of all seines exceeding one hundred fathoms in length, shall not be less than one and a half inches square, which is hereby expressly forbidden, and the use of which is hereby made and declared unlawful.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be and is hereby made unlawful for any person or persons to stop up the mouth of any river, creek or cove by means of a seine or gill net, so as to prevent fish from passing in or out of said river, creek or cove.