

Talbot and Caroline counties, and with immense and improper seines have been engaged in catching and taking fish, and

WHEREAS, The quantity of fish in said waters is fast diminishing, it is wise and prudent that some effectual means should be adopted if possible to preserve the breed thereof, and

Preamble.

WHEREAS, Non-residents of this State have been in the habit of fishing in said waters and destroying great numbers of young and small fish, and besides have on various occasions, landed on the shores of said waters and committed sundry depredations upon the lands of the owners thereof, and have made their escape before legal process could reach them; therefore—

Preamble.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That sections one hundred and thirteen and one hundred and fourteen, of article ten, of the Code of Public Local Laws, entitled “Dorchester county,” and sections eighty-six and eighty-seven, of article twenty, of the Code of Public Local Laws of Talbot county, and also sections ninety and ninety-one, of article six, of the Code of Public Local Laws of Caroline county, be and the same are hereby repealed, and the following substituted for said sections of each of the aforesaid counties under sub-title “fish.”

Repealed and substituted in lieu

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That it shall not be lawful for any person, with the exception of *bona fide* resident voters of Dorchester, Talbot and Caroline counties, and they shall first obtain permission of the occupants or owners of lands bordering on said waters, of said counties heretofore named, to take or catch fish in the waters of said counties, with seines, with meshes of less size than five inches square.

Not be lawful.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That it shall not be lawful for any person to empty their seines in water less than twelve inches deep; and all persons violating the two preceding sections of this act, in either of the aforesaid counties, shall, upon conviction thereof before a justice of the peace, in the county where the offence shall be committed, be fined not less than five nor more than fifty dollars, or shall be subject

Not be lawful.

Penalty.