

owned and lawfully operated under the laws in effect January 1st, 1929, until the above date, and the present laws regulating the size of mesh shall continue in force until the 31st of December, 1931. Nothing in the foregoing provisions of this section limiting the size of mesh shall apply to the catching of eels.

1929, ch. 471, sec. 43.

**49.** (Removal of Stakes and Nets.) It shall be unlawful to permit or allow to remain in the waters any stakes or nets after the close of the fishing season or at other times when this Article prohibits stakes and nets to be placed, but all nets must be removed at the end of the season and all stakes must be removed within ten days thereafter.

1929, ch. 471, sec. 44.

**50.** (Emptying Seines.) It shall be unlawful for any person to empty his seine upon the shore or beach so as to leave the small fish to perish, or in any water less than 12 inches deep, but he shall at all times empty same in waters of sufficient depth to enable the smaller fish to return to the waters for growth and maturity.

1929, ch. 471, sec. 45.

**51.** (Chesapeake Bay.) It shall be unlawful for any person to use nets of any kind in the waters in that part of the Chesapeake Bay which lies between a straight line drawn from Drum Point Lighthouse in Calvert County to Hog Island in St. Mary's County, and a straight line drawn from Cove Point Lighthouse in Calvert County to Cedar Point Lighthouse in St. Mary's County, nearer than 500 yards in every direction from any other net, or any net of a total length of more than 175 yards including the leaders or hedges or wings thereof, or at a greater distance than one-fourth the distance across the waters above mentioned at low water mark on either side.

1929, ch. 471, sec. 46. 1933, ch. 512. 1936 (Sp. Sess.), ch. 119.

**52.** (Head of Bay.) The use of pound nets or stake nets shall be prohibited in the head waters of the Chesapeake Bay hereinafter defined, except not to exceed 800 yards from the natural shore line in Cecil County and except the bay shore of Kent County up to Howell's Point, and except on the west side of the Bay from Pooles Island north to one-half mile north of Spesutia Island, not to exceed 800 yards from the shore. For the purpose of this section the head waters of the Chesapeake Bay shall be defined as follows: All waters embraced in the area marked by the following line, viz: Beginning at Concord Point and running in a northeasterly direction, crossing Susquehanna River to Stump Point, thence to Carpenter's Point, thence to Turkey Point, thence to Grove Point, all in Cecil County, thence to Howell's Point, Kent County, continuing in a straight line from Howell's Point in a southwesterly direction across said Bay to Abbey Point, the northernmost point at the entrance of Bush River, thence northerly by a line following the bay shore of Harford County to Mulberry Point, thence to Bear Point, Sandy Point, and to Locust Point on Spesutia Island, thence to the southernmost point at the entrance of Swan Creek, and thence crossing Swan Creek and continuing in a northerly direction following the bay shore to Concord Point, the place of beginning.