

shall such residents take or catch terrapins between the first day of April and the first day of November; any person violating this or the preceding section shall pay a fine of not less than ten nor more than fifty dollars, and forfeit the boat and vessel in his possession, together with the seine, tackle, and all things on board at the time of the offence.

1886, ch. 138. 1888, ch. 151.

168. It shall not be lawful for any person to take, capture or destroy fish in the waters of Chester river, or its tributaries, in the counties of Kent or Queen Anne's, and Eastern bay and its tributaries, within the jurisdictional limits of Queen Anne's county, by seines, drag-nets, set-nets, fish-baskets, fish-pots, weirs, pound-nets, fykes, or any other means or contrivance whatsoever, which is now known or used in capturing or destroying fish, or which may hereafter be invented for that purpose, from the twentieth day of May to the first day of August, except with hook and line; provided, however, that seines or nets may be used for the taking of taylor and mackerel fish; provided, the meshes of such nets or seines are, in the bar, not less than one and seven-eighth inches, or, in the mesh, not less than three and three-quarter inches; and provided, however, that eels may be taken or captured at any time during the year, and by any contrivance whatsoever, suitable for the purpose.

1888, ch. 151.

169. It shall not be lawful for any person who uses stakes or poles in setting nets of whatever class or description, in the waters mentioned in the preceding section, to leave such stakes or poles in the waters where they were used, but shall remove, or cause to be removed, such stakes or poles from the waters where they were used, on or before the twentieth day of May in each year; nor shall they again be put down in said waters prior to the first day of August following.

Ibid.

170. It shall not be lawful for any person, in said waters, to empty his seines upon the beach or shore at any time whilst engaged in fishing, so as to leave the smaller fish to perish, but all persons shall empty the same in water of sufficient depth to enable the