

survey any of the submerged areas of this State for the purpose of determining the position and extent of any natural oyster bars, clam beds, or crab beds. If, upon such re-survey, the Department find that natural oyster beds, clam beds, or crab beds be incorrectly located on existing charts, the said Department of Tidewater Fisheries shall amend such charts or prepare new charts and shall cause to be marked or defined as accurately as possible thereon the correct location and bounds of all natural oyster bars, clam beds, crab beds, then existing in the area being surveyed. Within ninety days after such re-survey, a copy of such amended charts or new charts shall be deposited in the Department of Tidewater Fisheries and another copy sent to the Clerk of the Circuit Court in which or nearest to which the area re-surveyed is located. No lease shall be invalidated either in whole or in part by facts determined in such re-survey unless the lessee forfeit his lease voluntarily or by non-payment of rental or other fees.

(d) *Who may Obtain a Lease.* Any resident of Maryland shall be entitled to lease submerged areas of this State for the purposes described in Sub-section (a), provided, however, that no corporation or joint stock company shall be permitted to lease or to take up or to acquire by assignment or otherwise any lands of the State for the purpose of planting or cultivating oysters or other shell fish.

(e) *Kind of Oysters to be Planted.* It shall be lawful to plant, cultivate, sow or protect oysters of the species known as *Ostrea virginica*, and no other species; and it shall be unlawful to introduce into any of the waters of this State any other species of oysters than *Ostrea virginica*.

(f) *Introduction of Oyster Drills.* It shall be unlawful for any person to plant, import, transport or transplant any oysters in or into this State when such oysters are infected by *urosalpinx cinerea*, or the eggs of this species, which is commonly known as the oyster drill, oyster borer or screw borer; and it shall be the duty of the Department to inspect all oysters imported into the State for the purpose of planting and said Department is authorized to seize, condemn and destroy any oysters found infested with the oyster drill, or its eggs, or to close any area infested with oyster drills, and to prevent the taking or catching of oysters therefrom so as to prevent the spread of said oyster drills to other areas.

(g) *Amount of Land Leasable.* So far as possible, all submerged land leased under the provisions of this section shall be rectangular in shape, and no tract or parcel of land shall be leased in any of the following waters if such tract or parcel