

land (1956 Supplement), title "Natural Resources", sub-title "Oysters and Clams", sub-heading "Soft shell clams", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, AND SECTION 663AA BE AND IT IS HEREBY ADDED TO SAID ARTICLE, SUB-TITLE AND SUB-HEADING OF THE CODE, TO FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY AFTER SECTION 663A THEREOF, ALL to read as follows:

**663A.**

(i) Prohibited areas.—It shall be unlawful to take or catch or attempt to take or catch soft shell clams with a hydraulic or mechanical dredge or with any other type gear upon any Natural Oyster Bar as defined in the first paragraph of Section 649 (i) of this article. *In the waters of Talbot County it shall also be unlawful to take or catch, or attempt to take or catch, soft shell clams by hydraulic or mechanical dredge, or by any other means:*

(1) *within 50 yards of any commercially productive oyster tonging area defined on the charts of the Commission of Tidewater Fisheries, or as defined under Section 649 (i) of this Article, or*

(2) *within 500 yards of any occupied duck blind, where decoys are set out, during the legal duck hunting season, or*

(3) *within 150 feet of any bulkhead, wharf, pier, structure or appurtenance constructed or erected in, out in, over or under any of the waters of this State under or by permit of the Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army, or*

(4) *within 1000 feet of any public bathing beach during the months of May, June, July, August and September of any year, or*

(5) *within 100 yards of any private bathing beaches, during the months of May, June, July, August and September; provided that the private bathing beaches shall be staked and marked by the owners thereof upon which shall be lettered "Bathing Beach" of a readily discernible size, or as may be required by any rule or regulation of the Commission of Tidewater Fisheries; provided, however that the linear measurement along the shore line shall not exceed a distance of 100 yards for each land owner, or*

(6) *in front of the town of Oxford between the mean high water mark and the center of the channel of the Tred Avon River and Town Creek, ~~or~~ EXCEPT DURING THE MONTHS OF OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER, OR*

(7) *on Sunday, or between sunset and one-half hour after sunrise on any other day, or to land soft shell clams before sunrise or later than one (1) hour after sunset, OR*

(8) **WITHIN 50 FEET OF THE MEAN LOW WATER MARK OF ANY SHORE LINE.**

**Sec. 2.** *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1957.*

**663AA. IN THE WATERS OF QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL TO TAKE OR CATCH OR ATTEMPT TO TAKE OR CATCH SOFT SHELL CLAMS WITH A HYDRAULIC OR MECHANICAL DREDGE OR WITH ANY OTHER TYPE**