

County or the waters of the Chesapeake Bay adjacent thereto shall apply to the Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs either by mail or in person for an application for a hydraulic or mechanical dredge or rig license. Every such applicant shall exhibit to the Department satisfactory evidence showing the name or number and size of the boat or rig; the size of the blade, water manifold and conveyor or elevator on the boat or rig to be used, and make further oath or affirmation that he is the bona fide owner of such boat; that there is no lien on said boat held by a nonresident of ~~Maryland~~; DORCHESTER COUNTY; that he has been a resident of Dorchester County for at least one year IMMEDIATELY prior to the making of such application and that the information he has furnished concerning the rig is true. FOR THE PURPOSES OF SECTION 714C, THE TERM "RESIDENT" SHALL MEAN A PERSON WHO ACTUALLY RESIDES IN DORCHESTER COUNTY AND HAS SO RESIDED CONTINUOUSLY FOR AT LEAST TWELVE MONTHS.

(b) *Issuance of license and duration*—Upon the receipt of the application and upon making such oath, the Department shall issue a hydraulic or mechanical dredge license for the taking of soft shell clams for such boat or rig and shall receive therefor twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) as a license fee. Licenses issued hereunder shall be valid for twelve (12) months from July 1st to June thirtieth of each year.

(c) *Residence of master and crew; master to be owner*— ~~or member of family of licensee~~—

(1) *The master, captain, operator and crew of such hydraulic or mechanical dredge shall have been a bona fide resident of Dorchester County for a period of one year.*

(2) *The master, captain or operator of any hydraulic or mechanical dredge shall be the actual owner thereof, or a member of the immediate family of the licensee.* AND THE LICENSEE SHALL BE ABOARD THE BOAT AT ALL TIMES WHEN CLAMS ARE BEING DREDGED; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT IF THE LICENSEE PRESENTS PROOF SATISFACTORY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CHESAPEAKE BAY AFFAIRS THAT UNAVOIDABLE CIRCUMSTANCES PREVENT HIS PRESENCE ON THE BOAT, THE DEPARTMENT MAY WAIVE THIS REQUIREMENT BY ISSUANCE OF A WRITTEN PERMIT WHICH SHALL BE EFFECTIVE FOR NO MORE THAN 15 CONSECUTIVE DAYS.

(d) *Transfer of license upon sale*—It is lawful for the owner of any licensed hydraulic or mechanical dredge, boat or rig, whenever the owner shall sell and convey by bill of sale for a bona fide consideration such boat or rig to any person, who has been a resident of this State for at least one year, to transfer the license to said purchaser with the boat, provided said purchaser shall be a bona fide resident of the county in which the dredge or rig is licensed or is to be licensed for at least one year. Such license so transferred shall entitle said purchaser to the same privileges of taking or catching soft shell clams with hydraulic or mechanical dredge that the original owner had before the assignment; provided both seller and purchaser make oath to all facts, matters and things made in the application for such license, and that the purchaser pay the Depart-