

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language added at the request of the department to simplify enforcement of the hard-shell and soft-shell clam provisions of the Code.

(K) "HYDRAULIC CLAM DREDGE" MEANS ANY DEVICE USED FOR DREDGING [[SOFT-SHELL]] CLAMS WHICH CONSISTS OF A MANIFOLD THROUGH WHICH WATER IS FORCED UNDER PRESSURE FOR THE PURPOSE OF DIGGING CLAMS AND WORKING THEM INTO THE MOUTH OF THE DREDGE WHERE THE CLAMS THEN ARE BROUGHT UP TO BOAT LEVEL BY MEANS OF AN ESCALATOR. "HYDRAULIC CLAM DREDGE" INCLUDES THE VESSEL ON WHICH THE DREDGE IS CARRIED.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language derived from the Resources Study Report No. 11 mentioned in Article 66C, section 713(a) (3) of the Code. Article 66C, section 713(a) (3) is proposed for deletion because it duplicates this provision.

(L) "MARKETABLE OYSTER" MEANS ANY OYSTER MEASURING THREE INCHES OR MORE FROM HIS MOUTH.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language gleaned from the somewhat circuitous definition in Article 66C, section 699 of the Code.

(M) "NATURAL OYSTER BAR" MEANS ANY SUBMERGED OYSTER BAR, REEF, ROCK, OR AREA REPRESENTED AS AN OYSTER BAR ON THE CHARTS OF THE OYSTER SURVEY OF 1906 TO 1912, AND ITS AMENDMENTS, OR ANY AREA DECLARED BY ANY CIRCUIT COURT TO BE A NATURAL OYSTER BAR, OR ANY AREA ON WHICH THE DEPARTMENT PLANTS OYSTERS OR SHELLS. A NATURAL OYSTER BAR ALSO MEANS ANY BAR BENEATH THE WATERS OF THE STATE WHERE THE NATURAL GROWTH OF OYSTERS ABOUNDS TO THE EXTENT THAT THE PUBLIC HAS RESORTED TO THE BAR FOR A LIVELIHOOD, WHETHER CONTINUOUSLY OR AT INTERVALS, DURING ANY OYSTER SEASON WITHIN FIVE YEARS PRIOR TO THE FILING OF ANY APPLICATION FOR A LEASE OF THE AREA IN QUESTION, OR WITHIN FIVE YEARS PRIOR TO THE MAKING OF A RESURVEY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SUBTITLE 11. THE ACTUAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA IN QUESTION AT ANY TIME WITHIN THE FIVE-YEAR PERIOD SHALL BE CONSIDERED IN DETERMINING WHETHER OR NOT THE AREA IS A NATURAL OYSTER BAR.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language derived from Article 66C, section 696(i) of