

next succeeding, subject to the provisions of the general law, as to the time in which oysters shall be caught or taken with tongs; provided, that such license shall not authorize the use of said canoe or boat in taking or catching oysters in any creek, river, cove, inlet, bay or sound, within the limits of any county other than Queen Anne's and Kent; and that the boundaries of the counties bordering on navigable water shall be strictly construed so as not to permit the residents of either of these counties to take or catch oysters beyond the channel of the creeks or rivers lying between these and other contiguous counties; and provided further, that this section shall not authorize the taking or catching of oysters from grounds already located or appropriated for the purpose of preserving, depositing or bedding the same, in the waters of said counties, under the provisions of the general laws.

1876, ch. 381.

**213.** The following lines, to wit, from the south point of Wye island to the southeast point of Bennett's point, thence to the south point of Parsons' island, are established as a boundary for the protection of the oyster grounds in that branch of Wye river, known as "Back Wye," and the oyster grounds lying on the land or Queen Anne's side of that part of said boundary extending from the southeast point of Bennett's point to the south point of Parsons' island.

Ibid.

**214.** It shall not be lawful for any non-resident of Queen Anne's county to catch by the means of tongs, or by any other means, or in any manner to molest oysters, the protection of which is contemplated by this sub-title of this article, to wit, oysters within or on the land or Queen Anne's side of the boundary herein above specified.

Ibid.

**215.** The dividing waters of Wye river, and the waters of St. Michael's river lying west of the boundary line described in section 213, and the waters around Herring island are opened to the citizens of Queen Anne's and Talbot counties in common, for the purpose of taking or catching oysters with rakes or tongs.