
By: **Delegate Schisler**

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Oyster Dredging - Permitted Areas**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the areas where a person may not dredge for oysters in
4 the Chesapeake Bay; altering the area in Talbot County where a person may
5 dredge for oysters; and generally relating to permitted areas for oyster dredging.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article - Natural Resources
8 Section 4-1012(a) and (b)(4)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
12 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article - Natural Resources**

14 4-1012.

15 (a) A person may not catch oysters by dredge in the following areas of the
16 Chesapeake Bay: the area bounded by a line drawn from Lowes Point [towards the
17 Bloody Point Lighthouse for a distance of 1.8 miles, and then direct to North Point on
18 Poplar Island] TO BLOODY POINT LIGHTHOUSE THEN TO THE NORTHERN END OF
19 POPLAR ISLAND; then southerly around the westerly shore of Poplar Island to the
20 southwesterly most point; then running in a straight line to the Department marker
21 on the northern shore of Pawpaw Cove which area shall be reserved for catching of
22 oysters with shaft tongs only; all the area lying within one-fourth mile of the western
23 shore of Poplar Island; all the area within one-half mile of Plum Point; all the area
24 within one and one-half miles of Sandy Point, Hackett Point, Tolly Point, and Thomas
25 Point within Anne Arundel County waters; and the following oyster bars: 2-9, 2-10,
26 5-1, 5-2, 5-3A, 5-3B, 8-2, 8-6, and 8-9, as defined by the charts of the Oyster Survey
27 of 1906 to 1912, and its amendments.

28 (b) A person may not catch oysters by dredge except in the following waters:

1 (4) Talbot County. The waters [bayward of a line beginning at Kent
2 Point and following the territorial county line in an easterly direction to where it
3 intercepts the Queen Anne's-Talbot County line; then following the county line
4 northeasterly to the point where a straight line drawn from Long Point to the Wades
5 Point bell buoy intersects the county line; from there in a southeasterly direction to
6 the Wades Point bell buoy; and then direct to Wades Point bell buoy; and then direct
7 to Wades Point; then following the shoreline to Lowes Point; and then direct towards
8 the Bloody Point Lighthouse for a distance of 1.8 miles; and then direct to North Point
9 on Poplar Island] LYING BETWEEN A LINE DRAWN FROM LOWES POINT TO BLOODY
10 POINT LIGHTHOUSE AND A LINE DRAWN FROM WADES POINT FARMHOUSE TO
11 WADES POINT BELL BUOY AND THEN FROM WADES POINT BELL BUOY TO SECOND
12 KENT OR LONG POINT.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
14 October 1, 1999.