

Chapter 689

(House Bill 1505)

AN ACT concerning

Oysters – Power Dredging – Time Period

FOR the purpose of increasing to a certain number the maximum number of days per week that the Department of Natural Resources may authorize a certain dredge boat to operate under the power of an auxiliary yawl boat while dredging for oysters in the Chesapeake Bay; and generally relating to oyster dredging.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Natural Resources

Section 4–1013(c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2012 Replacement Volume)

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

Article – Natural Resources

4–1013.

(c) The owner, captain, master, or any crew member of any boat capable of self-propulsion by any motor, turbine, or other engine attached to the boat, may not have on board the boat, or in tow, or permit on board or in tow, any scoop, handscrape, dredge, or similar instrument used in dredging, or any winch, spool, winder, or other tackle used in dredging, unless the boat is permitted by the Department to dredge on leased land, or is engaged in taking seed oysters under the surveillance and with the permission of the Department. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this subtitle, the Department may designate by rule or regulation a period of time not to exceed [two] **3** days in any one week during which dredge boats licensed under the provisions of this subtitle may be propelled by means of the auxiliary yawl boat carried on the dredge boat in the waters of the Chesapeake Bay. The Department may prescribe the maximum daily limit on any day.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2013.

Approved by the Governor, May 16, 2013.