

SEC. 6.—OYSTER FISHERY REGULATIONS.

1. No person shall fish for or catch oysters without a lease or license from the Minister of Marine and Fisheries.

2. The owner, person or persons interested in a fishing boat employed in the oyster fishery shall cause a memorandum in writing, setting forth the name of the owner, person or persons interested, to be filed with the local fishery officer, who, if no valid objection exists, may, under instructions from the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, issue a fishery license for the same, and any boat or fishing apparatus used without such license, shall be deemed to be illegal and liable to forfeiture, together with the oysters caught therein, and the owner or person using the same shall be subject to the penalties prescribed by the Fisheries Act.

3. All boats fishing for oysters shall have a registration number corresponding with that of the license legibly marked or painted on the bow of the boat, in white coloured letters on a black ground, and the initial letter of the port to which such boat belongs, such letters to be at least eight inches in length.

4. Oysters shall not be fished for, caught, killed, bought, sold or had in possession from the 1st day of April to the 30th day of September, both days inclusive, in each year.

5. Fishing for oysters or any other shell fish through the ice is prohibited.

6. No person shall fish for, catch, kill or buy, sell or have in possession any round oysters of a less size than three inches in diameter of shell, nor any long oysters measuring less than three and a half inches of outer shell.

Round oysters of a less size than three inches in diameter, and long oysters measuring less than three and a half inches on the outer shell, and that may be accidentally caught, shall be returned to the water alive, at the cost and risk of the person so fishing, on whom, in every case, shall devolve the proof of actual liberation.

Provided always that persons holding fishery licenses, may obtain from the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, permission to fish for and catch small oysters for the purpose of planting or stocking oyster beds.