

HOUSE No. 1115.

[Bill accompanying the petition of John N. Pierce, selectman, and others for legislation to provide for the protection of shell fish in the town of Edgartown. Fisheries and Game. Feb. 12.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Three.

AN ACT

To provide for the Protection of Shell Fish in the
Town of Edgartown.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives
in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the
same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. No person shall take any shell
2 fish from their beds or wilfully obstruct the
3 growth of any shell fish within the town of
4 Edgartown, except as is hereinafter provided.

1 SECTION 2. The selectmen of said town may
2 give permits in writing to any person to take
3 shell fish from their beds within said town, at
4 such times, in such quantities, and for such uses,

5 as they shall deem expedient. But any inhabit-
6 ant of said town may without such permit take
7 from the beds in said town shell fish for the
8 use of his family, not exceeding in quantity one
9 bushel, including shells, in any one day; and any
10 fisherman may without such permit take shell
11 fish from the said beds for bait for his own use,
12 not exceeding in quantity one bushel, including
13 shells, in any one day.

1 SECTION 3. No person shall take from their
2 beds in said town, nor sell nor offer for sale nor
3 have in his possession any little neck clams or
4 quahaugs less than one and one-half inches across
5 the widest part.

1 SECTION 4. Whoever violates any provision
2 of this act shall be punished by a fine of not less
3 than ten nor more than one hundred dollars.

1 SECTION 5. The district court of Dukes county
2 shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the supe-
3 rior court of all offences under this act.

1 SECTION 6. So much of section eighty-five of
2 chapter ninety-one of the Revised Laws as con-
3 flicts herewith shall not apply to the town of
4 Edgartown.