

such liens, when added to the value of the other property awarded, exclusive of all such liens, shall equal four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00). Said decree shall particularly describe the said homestead and other property so awarded, and such homestead and other property so awarded shall not be subject to further administration, and such decree shall be conclusive and final, except on appeal, and except for fraud, and such awards shall be in lieu of all further homestead rights and of all exemptions.

Value.
Decree
conclusive.

Under this section the Court shall not award more property than could be awarded under the law in effect at the time of the death of the deceased spouse.

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CHAPTER 199.

[S. B. 228.]

STATE OYSTER RESERVES.

AN ACT relating to oysters; requiring a permit to take oysters from state reserves for purposes other than seed; and designating the use thereof; permitting the Director of Fisheries to sell the oysters on state reserves by the bushel or by public auction, with the right to reject bids, and granting the Director authority to promulgate rules for advertising for bids and conducting same.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. Any person before taking oysters from the reserves of the state for purposes other than seed shall secure a permit from the Director of Fisheries and pay therefor the sum of five dollars (\$5) annually. Such oysters may be used for any purpose which the permit indicates or which may be designated by the Director of Fisheries in writ-

Permit to
take oysters.

ing: *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall change the provisions of section 1, chapter 149, Laws of 1937 (section 5703, Remington's Revised Statutes, also Pierce's Perpetual Code 555-21), as to taking oysters for seed from state reserves.

Annual
determina-
tion of
amounts.

SEC. 2. The Director of Fisheries shall have the power to annually determine whether the oysters from the oyster reserves of the state (a) shall be sold by the bushel at a price set by such Director or (b) whether certain quantities or all of such oysters should be sold for cash at public auction or by sealed bids in such amounts as the Director shall from time to time determine. To maintain the permanency of local communities and industries, the prospects of fulfillment of contract requirement, and to restrain monopolistic controls endangering competition in the industry, the Director of Fisheries shall have the power to determine the number of bushels which shall be sold to any person, firm or corporation; and when sold at public auction, the right to reject any and all bids.

Rules and
regulations.

SEC. 3. The Director shall have power to promulgate rules and regulations as to advertising and conducting such sales.

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