

No. , 1898.

A BILL

To vest in the Trustees of the National Park all oysters on land vested in those trustees; to make the stealing of such oysters an offence; and to amend the Oyster Fisheries Act of 1884.

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. All oysters on any land vested in the corporation known as the Trustees of the National Park are hereby declared to be the property of the said corporation: And whosoever steals any such oysters or receives any such oysters, knowing them to have been stolen, shall be guilty of felony and shall be liable to penal servitude for a period not exceeding *three* years:

Oysters on the National Park to be vested in the Trustees.

Provided that where a person takes oysters on any such land and consumes them there, he shall not thereby be guilty of the offence of stealing such oysters.

2. Section ten of the Oyster Fisheries Act of 1884 is hereby repealed, and in lieu thereof it is enacted that if any person dredges for or takes oysters from any leased area or from any beds or deposits on Crown lands, except under special permit, he shall incur a penalty for every offence not exceeding *fifty* pounds.

Repeal and re-enactment with amendments of s. 10 of the Oyster Fisheries Act of 1884.

3. This Act may be cited as the "Oyster Fisheries Protection Act, 1898."

Short title.