

THE NATURAL BEDS.

A Bill of Great Importance to Oystermen of the State.

HARTFORD, Conn., April 7.—The bill reported by the fisheries committee establishing the natural oyster beds under the jurisdiction of the state, has been printed. It gives the layout of the beds as follows:

The layout of the Bridgeport natural bed is as follows: The southeast corner of this bed is the point which is three hundred and sixteen (316) feet due east of a point which is one thousand one hundred and thirty-two (1,132) feet due south of the center of the tower of the Bridgeport lighthouse. The said southeast corner is the northeast corner of ground of David N. Armstrong. From said southeast corner the southern boundary line runs due west along ground of said Armstrong, a distance of one thousand nine hundred and thirty (1,930) feet, to a point which has the following ranges: 1. Black Rock lighthouse over the center of the woods on Wakeman's Island. 2. Soldiers' monument over the center of the grain elevator. Thence northerly along the last-mentioned range line and along ground of Charles H. Armstrong, a distance of six hundred (600) feet. Thence south sixty-four degrees and fifty-seven minutes west (S. 64° 57' W.) true meridian, four thousand one hundred and twenty (4,120) feet along ground of said Armstrong; thence due south six hundred and sixteen (616) feet along ground of said Armstrong to the northwest corner of ground of Wheeler Hawley; thence south sixty-four degrees and fifty-seven minutes west (S. 64° 57' W.) true meridian, one hundred and seventy (170) feet along ground of Charles J. Nash. [The said bearing ranges Black Rock lighthouse over the center of the woods on Wakeman's Island.] Thence south nine degrees west (S. 9° 00' W.) true meridian, five hundred and eighty (580) feet along ground of said Nash. Thence south thirty-four degrees and fifty-two minutes west (S. 34° 52' W.) true meridian, one thousand three hundred and twenty (1,320) feet along ground of said Nash, thence south eighty-one degrees and forty-five minutes west (S. 81° 45' W.) true meridian, three thousand seven hundred and twenty (3,720) feet in a direct line towards the Black Rock lighthouse to the east shore of Fayerweather's Island at the high water line. Thence northerly along said east shore about four hundred and fifty (450) feet to the line of jurisdiction between the state and town. Thence northeasterly along said line of jurisdiction nine thousand four hundred and twenty (9,420) feet to the extreme point of the sea wall at Seaside park. Thence southeasterly along said line of jurisdiction two thousand eight hundred and seventy five (2,875) feet. Thence due south one thousand three hundred and fifty (1,350) feet to the point of beginning. The area thus comprised is three hundred and thirty-four (334) acres.

The layout of the Stratford natural bed is as follows: Beginning at a point in the commissioners' line of jurisdiction, distant about one thousand eight hundred and thirty (1,830) feet northeasterly from the center of the tower of the new Stratford Point lighthouse, thence running due south to a point which is determined by the following sextant angles: "Fish" to Stratford Point lighthouse, 103° 47'; Stratford Point lighthouse to Middle Ground lighthouse, 114° 26'; Stratford Point lighthouse to Penfield Reef lighthouse, 43° 11'. "Fish" is the factory chimney of the oil works at Welch's Point. The point thus located is the southeast corner of the bed, and it may also be found by intersecting the following range-lines: One range-line running northerly along the edge of the roof on the easterly side of lighthouse keeper's new house, near the Stratford Point lighthouse; the other range line running northeasterly over the southeast side of face of the old hotel on Charles Island, and a tall, prominent tree at the left side of a hole gap in the woods on the northern slope of a distant hill. This gap may be found by beginning at the fish works at Welch's Point and looking northerly along the crest of the range of hills until you pass four prominent single trees, which rise above the top of the general wood line. The fourth tree stands near the right hand side of the gap. At the said southeast corner the compass bearing to the tower of the Stratford Point lighthouse is northwest by west, and the distance to the same is one thousand four hundred and sixty (1,460) feet; thence from said southeast corner running in a southwesterly direction a distance of twelve thousand two hundred and fifty (12,250) feet to a point which is determined by the following sextant angles: Penfield Reef lighthouse to Middle Ground lighthouse, 99° 07' 30"; Middle Ground lighthouse to Stratford Point lighthouse, 115° 27'; Stratford Point lighthouse to Bridgeport lighthouse, 97° 07'; Bridgeport lighthouse to Penfield Reef lighthouse, 48° 18'. The area comprised is 3,035 acres.

The judiciary have reported favorably upon the act amending an act relating to divorce. The new bill reads as follows: "Chapter 23 of the public acts of 1880, page 505, is hereby amended so that it shall read as follows: No complaint praying for a divorce shall be heard or any decree granted thereon until after the expiration of 90 days from the day on which such complaint is made returnable, except when the defendant shall appear in court to defend against such complaint either in person or by counsel, in which case such complaint shall be treated as privileged, and shall be assigned for trial as soon as may be. This act shall take effect from its passage."