

NOTICE

CRD NOTICE 2018-01

NOTICE OF INTENT TO TRANSPLANT SEED OYSTERS FROM THE JAMES RIVER FOR THE 2018 OYSTER REPLENISHMENT PROGRAM

NOTICE is hereby given that the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC) intends to transplant approximately 5,000 bushels of seed oysters from the James River to the Nomini River:

THIS PROJECT WAS APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION ON FEBRUARY 27, 2018 AND THE COMMISSION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE CHANGES IN THE PROGRAM AT ANY TIME.

GENERAL:

Approximate starting date will be April 9, 2018.

Harvesting will be done by shaft (hand) tong only. Seed oysters will be unculled and a minimum count of 400 count/bushel with 6 quarts of shell maximum. All tonging will be completed by 12:00 noon daily. VMRC personnel will be present to measure and/or tally and document each harvester's daily catch. All bushels shall be standard Virginia bushels.

One contractor will be utilized for the transporting and planting of the seed oysters. The planter will be the contractor and will be responsible for transporting and planting the seed oysters in the receiving area. The planter will also be responsible for paying the harvester.

Seed oysters will be offloaded by the harvester into a truck or boat provided by the contractor for transporting to the receiving area.

The price per bushel to be paid to the planter/contractor will be \$10.00. Payment to the planter/contractor shall be made after the end of each work week and upon receipt of proper documentation by the Conservation and Replenishment Department office. Before any payments can be made a current Tax form (W-9) will have to be completed by the contractor and on file in the Marine Resources Commission Accounting Department. Checks will be forwarded by mail.

The receiving areas will be designated and marked by VMRC personnel. VMRC personnel will supervise the planting of the seed oysters in the receiving areas.

All qualified harvesters, who possess a Commercial Fishermen Registration Card and hand tong gear license, will be utilized. Please contact the Conservation and Replenishment by Wednesday, March 14, 2018 of your desire to participate in the project (757-247-2121).

LOTTERY:

If more than one (1) contractor for the seed oysters being transplanted to the Nomini River should respond, then a lottery will be held on Wednesday, March 14, 2018 @ 1:00 p.m. at the VMRC Conservation and Replenishment Department office on the 3rd floor. Building address is: VMRC, 2600 Washington Avenue, 3rd floor, Newport News, Virginia. The lottery will be open to those individuals who wish to be present during the drawing.

RESPONSE DEADLINE:

Persons interested in this planting work should contact the Conservation and Replenishment Department at the main office either in writing or by telephone no later than 12 Noon, Wednesday, March 14, 2018.

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