

VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION
“PATENT TONG RESTRICTIONS”
CHAPTER 4VAC20-780-10 ET SEQ.

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PREAMBLE

This chapter is promulgated pursuant to authority contained in §§ 28.2-201, 28.2-507, and 28.2-518 of the Code of Virginia. This chapter repeals previous Chapter 4VAC20-780-10 et seq., which was made effective September 24, 1986. The effective date of this chapter, as amended, is December 31, 2023.

4VAC20-780-10. Authority and effective date. (Repealed.)

A. ~~This chapter is promulgated pursuant to authority contained in §§ 28.1-82 [Repealed] and 28.1-85 [Repealed] of the Code of Virginia.~~

B. ~~The effective date of this chapter is September 24, 1986.~~

4VAC20-780-20. Purpose. (Repealed.)

~~The purpose of this chapter is to protect and conserve the oyster resource on public oyster grounds where the taking of oysters by patent tong is permitted.~~

4VAC20-780-30. Season opening date. (Repealed.)

~~The season for the taking of oysters from the public oyster grounds by patent tong shall begin on November 1 of each year, except as provided below. In any year in which November 1 falls on a Saturday or Sunday, then the patent tong season opening date shall be the Monday immediately following November 1.~~

4VAC20-780-40. Time of day restrictions. (Repealed.)

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~~The harvesting of oysters from the public oyster grounds by patent tong shall be limited to the daily period of sunrise to 2 p.m. All patent tonging and culling of oysters shall be completed by 2 p.m. each day.~~

4VAC20-780-50. ~~Other applicable laws, chapters. (Repealed.)~~

~~All laws, chapters and orders, otherwise in effect shall remain in full force and effect, except as may be specifically modified by this chapter or any subsequent chapter or chapter or both.~~

4VAC20-780-60. ~~Designated area. (Repealed.)~~

~~This chapter applies to all public oyster grounds where harvesting of oysters by patent tong is permitted.~~

4VAC20-780-70. ~~Penalty. (Repealed.)~~

~~As set forth in § 28.1-23 [Repealed] of the Code of Virginia, any person, firm, or corporation violating any provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of a Class I misdemeanor.~~

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of the chapter passed by the Marine Resources Commission, pursuant to authority vested in the Commission by §28.2-201 of the Code of Virginia, duly advertised according to statute, and recorded in the Commission's minute book, at meeting held in Hampton, Virginia on December 5, 2023.

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BY: _____
Jamie L. Green
Commissioner

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____ 2023.

Notary Public

