

# NOTICE

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## **NOTICE OF INTENT TO HARVEST, TRANSPORT, AND REPLANT ON PUBLIC OYSTER GROUNDS IN POCOMOKE SOUND FOR THE 2018 OYSTER REPLENISHMENT PROGRAM**

Notice is hereby given that the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC) intends to harvest shells on Public Ground 9 and Public ground 10 of Accomack County in the Pocomoke Sound and transport the harvested shells to nearby areas where they will be replanted. VMRC is inviting any person interested in performing this work to apply as indicated below.

Shell and live oysters will be harvested, transported, and replanted in nearby areas.

**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.**

### **POCOMOKE SOUND:**

Shells and live oysters will be harvested by dredge from State-owned bottomland adjacent to the Maryland and Virginia border in the Pocomoke Sound, transported, and replanted on the same public oyster grounds further from the border area. Work will be performed in the following area:

Public Ground 9	Approximately 5,000 bushels
Public Ground 10	Approximately 5,000 bushels

**METHOD:** The work will be done with oyster dredges.

### **EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATION:**

The boat must be large enough to harvest, transport, and plant at least 1,000 bushels per planting.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

The work is to be done during the time period April 1, 2018 through May 31, 2018. All dredging and planting is to be completed by 4:00 p.m. daily.

The areas from which shell and live oysters will be harvested and the areas to be planted on will be designated and marked by VMRC personnel.

All work will be supervised by VMRC personnel. All loads will be measured and documented by VMRC personnel.

The Contractor will be paid \$2.00 per bushel for shell cultch and oysters that are harvested, transported, and replanted on adjacent public oyster grounds. Approximately 10,000 bushels are planned to be harvested and transplanted.

Before any payments can be made to the contractor, there must be verification of registration with the Virginia Department of Minority Business Enterprises, as a small, woman, or minority owned company, and a contract and current Tax form (W-9) completed and on file at the Marine Resources Commission main office. Payment will be made fifteen days after the Conservation and Replenishment Department has received the invoice and all supporting documentation; the check will be forwarded to the contractor by mail.

**SELECTION:**

VMRC plans to select up to 3 contractors to perform the work. If more responses than this are received then selection will be made by lottery.

**LOTTERY:**

If more than three applicants should respond, a lottery will be held on March 21, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. in room 303, 3rd floor of the Marine Resources Commission in downtown Newport News at 2600 Washington Avenue. Those wishing to be present are invited to attend.

**RESPONSE DEADLINE:**

Responses are requested by no later than 12 noon, March 21, 2018.

These responses should be submitted to the Andrew Button, Dept. Head, VMRC-Conservation and Replenishment Department.

Information required: Name, address, telephone no., description of equipment intended for operation on this project and your boat's name or number.

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