

# NOTICE

CRD NOTICE 2022-05

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## **NOTICE OF INTENT TO TRANSPLANT SEED OYSTERS FROM THE JAMES RIVER FOR THE 2022 OYSTER REPLENISHMENT PROGRAM**

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

**THIS PROJECT WAS APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION ON FEBRUARY 22, 2022 AND  
THE COMMISSION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE CHANGES IN THE  
PROGRAM AT ANY TIME.**

**METHOD:** Harvesting will be done by shaft (hand) tong only.

### **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 11, 2022 through May 13, 2022.

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 \$12.50. 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.

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.

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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 Friday, April 8, 2022 of your desire to participate in the project (757-247-2121).

Before any payments can be made to the contractor, there must be a contract and current Tax form (W-9) completed and on file at the Marine Resources Commission main office.

All vessels conducting work for the 2022 Restoration/Replenishment Plan will be required to have on board a vessel monitoring device, provided by Virginia Marine Resources Commission, Shellfish Management Division. Monitoring device is required to be on board at all times while under contract. The monitoring device will be provided by Shellfish Management Division staff overseeing the project.

**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 April 8, 2022 @ 1:00 p.m. at the VMRC Conservation and Replenishment Department office located at Fort Monroe. Building address is: VMRC, 380 Fenwick Road, Fort Monroe, Virginia. The lottery will be open to those individuals who wish to be present during the drawing.

**RESPONSE DEADLINE:**

Responses are requested by no later than 12 noon, **April 8, 2022.**

These responses should be submitted to the Andrew Button, Deputy Chief, Shellfish Management Division.

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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