

NOTICE

CRD NOTICE: 09-10

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF MARKET SIZED (THREE-INCH (3") AND LARGER) OYSTERS FROM VMRC SEED PLANT AREAS IN THE COAN, NOMINI, RAPPAHANNOCK, AND YEOCOMICO RIVERS FOR THE 2009 OYSTER REPLENISHMENT PROGRAM

NOTICE is hereby given that the Virginia Marine Resources Commission will make available market sized oysters, three-inches (3") and larger, for harvesting by the industry from the VMRC seed plant areas in the Coan, Nomini, Rappahannock, and Yeocomico Rivers. The purpose of this project will be to determine the cost/benefits of oyster replenishment efforts.

THE COMMISSION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE CHANGES IN THE PROGRAM AT ANY TIME.

GENERAL:

Harvest dates will be approximately from December 1, 2009 through January 31, 2010 in the following areas:

Yeocomico River – Hand Tong followed by Hand Scrape

Coan River – Hand Tong followed by Hand Scrape

Nomini River – Hand Tong followed by Hand Scrape

Rappahannock River – Wickes Bar – Hand Scrape only

Areas will be opened one at a time and harvested until the level of harvest of each area is too low to justify further harvest, at which time the area shall be closed to harvest. The next area will then be opened, and this process shall be continued until all areas have been harvested.

The harvest area will be designated and marked by VMRC personnel. Harvesting shall be done by hand scrape and hand tongs, as specified above. All harvesting shall be done during the hours of 7 a.m. and 1 p.m. There will be an 8-bushel daily catch limit for harvesting. Market sized oysters shall be three inches (3") or larger.

Harvesters shall turn in a copy of the MRC 53 harvest ticket(s) daily to VMRC personnel. A contract between VMRC and the harvester shall be necessary to participate in this project. Failure to abide by the stipulations of the contract shall result in the contract being made null and void and further participation in the project shall not be allowed.

RESPONSE DEADLINE:

All interested harvesters must contact the Conservation and Replenishment Department in writing, by mail, fax, or e-mail, no later than Friday, November 13, 2009. Please provide the following information: Name, Address, CFRL Number (last 4 digits), Boat Number/Name, and accurate telephone number.

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