

RECORD OF AREA CLOSED FOR SHELLFISH CLEANSING
FOR NON-COMMERCIAL AQUACULTURE PURPOSES ONLY

Name and Address: _____

VMRC VGP#3 Permit Number _____

Area Description: (Approved clean area - include map)

Date Relayed to Clean Area: _____ No. of Floats: _____

Species: Oysters Clams

Quantity of Shellfish Depurated: _____ Bushels
Count

Classification of Area from Which Shellfish Removed: (check one)

Moderately Polluted Grossly Polluted

Name of Marine Patrol Officer: _____

Signature

Date

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*STEPS TO RELAY SHELLFISH TAKEN FROM CONDEMNED (POLLUTED)
SHELLFISH GROWING AREAS FOR DEPURATION*

1. Contact the Law Enforcement Division of the Virginia Marine Resources Commission and find out who the Marine Patrol Officer (MPO) in your area is that would handle the relaying process in the field. Law Enforcement Division- Operations: 757-247-2265
2. Contact the Conservation and Replenishment Department (CRD) at the Virginia Marine Resources Commission's main office in Newport News to obtain the report form needed for obtaining a release permit from the Health Department to remove the shellfish after the depuration period has been met. Conservation and Replenishment Department: 757-247-2120
3. The MPO issues the Planter's Permit (MRC 59) for the activity. He does this when you meet with him at the cleansing site on the date you move the aquaculture shellfish from the polluted area to the cleansing area. Be prepared to provide the MPO with information regarding your General Permit for Non-Commercial Aquaculture (VGP#3), which you should have obtained from the Habitat Management Division of the Virginia Marine Resources Commission. If you have not done so, contact 757-247-2252, to get information on how you can obtain this permit.
4. As soon as possible after the date the depuration is begun, turn in the "Record of Area Closed for Shellfish Cleansing" report, completed and signed by you the planter; the planter's permit, completed and signed by the MPO; and a 8-1/2" by 11" map, showing the cleansing location. This package of information should be turned in to the Conservation and Replenishment Department. Conservation and Replenishment Department mailing address: ATTN: Kathy Leonard; 2600 Washington Avenue, 3rd Floor, Newport News, VA 23607 ; Phone: 757-247-2120; Fax: 757-247-8101
5. The Conservation and Replenishment Department will submit a report of the relaying activity to the Health Department, Division of Shellfish Sanitation in Richmond to obtain a release permit. The Health Department release permit establishes the date the shellfish can be removed from the cleansing area. The Health Department will mail this permit directly to you the planter and will send a copy to the Conservation and Replenishment Department.
6. The shellfish cannot not be removed until a Health Department release permit has been received by you. When removing these shellfish have a copy of the release permit in your possession at that time. This will prevent problems should you be questioned regarding your activity.