

# NOTICE

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## NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF SHELL FOR PRIVATE INDUSTRY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PLANTING ON PRIVATE OYSTER GROUND LEASES

Notice is hereby given that the Virginia Marine Resources Commission will allow the harvest of shell by the private oyster industry from an area at the mouth of Sand Shoal Channel in Northampton County on the Seaside of Eastern Shore.

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

### GENERAL:

Harvest dates will be year-round.

The harvest area will be designated by VMRC personnel (map available).

This shell accumulates naturally in the area at the mouth of Sand Shoal Channel and is routinely used by the VMRC Replenishment Program for oyster restoration projects on public ground on the Seaside of Eastern Shore. This shell is available for harvest by the private oyster industry for shell planting on private grounds. The private industry may harvest shell by dredge or hand tong, and replant the shell on their private oyster ground leases. For every bushel of shell harvested, \$0.50 per bushel will be paid to the Treasurer of Virginia for the Special Oyster Replenishment Fund.

### RESPONSE DEADLINE:

All interested buyers must contact the Conservation and Replenishment Department in writing by mail, fax, or e-mail to receive a contract to harvest shells and forms to report harvest. The information required for the contract: name, offloading point, method of transport, and area of planting (Lease #).

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