

NOTICE

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BLUE CRAB FISHERY RESOURCE DISASTER FUNDING PROJECT

NOTICE OF POTENTIAL AVAILABILITY OF ADDITIONAL EYED OYSTER LARVAE FOR PROJECT PARTICIPANTS IN THE SPAT ON SHELL TRAINING PROGRAM FOR THE 2014 OYSTER REPLENISHMENT PROGRAM

This is the final year for the Blue Crab Fishery Resource Disaster Funding Project. More than 100 blue crab industry participants are completing or have completed spat on shell projects on their private oyster grounds. There may be a limited amount of funds available at the end of the project. This funding will be made available to all previous participants for eyed oyster larvae. Participants may apply for lots of seven (7) million. Participants will have to have shells bagged, and tanks ready to accept these larvae as the larvae becomes available. All participants may apply, and at the end of the application process, a lottery will be held to determine the order of participants that will receive the seven (7) million lots of eyed oyster larvae. When the funding has been expended, no further eyed oyster larvae will be available. Participants may apply for up to three (3) lots of seven (7) million eyed oyster larvae. All sets must be completed by August 31, 2014.

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

RESPONSE DEADLINE:

Previous blue crab industry participants in the Blue Crab Fishery Resource Disaster Funding Spat On Shell Project may apply for up to three (3) lots of seven (7) million eyed oyster larvae to the Conservation and Replenishment Department in writing by mail, fax, or e-mail no later than 12:00 p.m., Friday, March 21, 2014.

LOTTERY:

A lottery will be held on Monday, March 24, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at the VMRC Conservation and Replenishment Department on the 3rd floor. The building address: VMRC, 2600 Washington Avenue, Newport News, Virginia. The lottery will be open to those individuals who wish to be present during the drawing.

Funding will be limited. The lottery will determine the order that applicants will be offered eyed oyster larvae in lots of seven (7) million. If an applicant is not ready to receive larvae when his turn is available, the larvae will be offered to the next participant in line, and so on, until the funding is gone. If funding is still available after one round of seven (7) million, the first applicant that has requested two lots will be offered the next seven (7) million, and this will continue until all funds are expended, or until August 31, 2014, whichever comes first.

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