

# NOTICE

CRD NOTICE 15-02

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## NOTICE OF INTENT TO TRANSPLANT SEED OYSTERS FROM THE CORROTOMAN RIVER FOR THE 2015 OYSTER REPLENISHMENT PROGRAM

NOTICE is hereby given that the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC) intends to harvest approximately 5,000 bushels of seed oysters from the Middle Ground Rock in the Corrotoman River and transport and plant these seed oysters on Hogge House Rock in the Rappahannock River for the 2015 Oyster Replenishment Program:

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

#### GENERAL:

Approximate project dates will be April 11 through April 27, 2015.

The harvest area at Middle Ground Rock in the Corrotoman River that the planting area at Hogge House Rock in the Rappahannock River will be designated and marked by VMRC personnel.

Harvesting of seed oysters on Middle Ground Rock will be done by oyster dredging. All harvesting will be completed by 2:00 p.m.

Seed Oysters will be unculled and a minimum count of 200 oysters per bushel.

All seed oysters harvested will be replanted on the same day at Hogge House Rock in the Rappahannock River.

VMRC personnel will be present for the replanting of seed oysters on Hogge House Rock in the Rappahannock River.

The Contractor will be paid \$--- per bushel for seed oysters that are harvested from Middle Ground Rock in the Corrotoman River and transported and planted on Hogge House Rock in the Rappahannock River. 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 and verification of registration with the Virginia Department of Minority Business Enterprises, as a small, woman, or minority owned company. Payment will be made to the contractor within 15 days. 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. Checks will be forwarded by mail.

**LOTTERY:**

If more than one (1) contractor for the seed oysters being transplanted to the Rappahannock River should respond, then a lottery will be held on, March 27, 2015 @ 1:00 p.m. at the VMRC Conservation and Replenishment Department office on the 3rd floor. Building address is: VMRC, 2600 Washington Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Newport News, Virginia. The lottery will be open to those individuals who wish to be present during the drawing.

**RESPONSE DEADLINE:**

Persons interested in this planting work should contact the Conservation and Replenishment Department at the main office either in writing or by telephone no later than 12 Noon, March 27, 2015.

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