



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Marine Resources Commission

380 Fenwick Road

Building 96

Fort Monroe, VA 23651

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SUBJECT: ABBREVIATED JOINT PERMIT APPLICATION FOR NONCOMMERCIAL RIPARIAN SHELLFISH AQUACULTURE STRUCTURES

The attached application is intended to be used by persons applying for a permit to:

- Deploy up to 160 square feet of aquaculture structures in the tidal waters of Virginia,
- For the noncommercial culture of shellfish.

The Virginia Marine Resources Commission's General Permit #3 defines riparian shellfish gardening as:

- The grow-out of native shellfish species,
- In protective structures (such as floats, bags, cages, etc.)
- Adjacent to a private, noncommercial pier or otherwise within a waterfront property owner's riparian area
- Exclusively for private, noncommercial purposes.

The General Permit also specifies that the structures shall not adversely impact:

- Navigation
- Existing stands of submerged aquatic vegetation

The applicant needs to fill out one copy of the application, including the required drawings and return it to VMRC for processing. You may submit your application to Savannah Longest of our staff via email at: savannah.longest@mrc.virginia.gov or by mail to:

Virginia Marine Resources Commission Shellfish Management Division 380 Fenwick Road – Building 96 Fort Monroe, VA 23651
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VMRC will forward copies of the application to the Health Department and your local Wetlands Board for their review. The Health Department may contact you regarding shellfish handling and harvesting procedures if your project is being conducted in polluted waters.

If you do not believe your project will meet these requirements for the General Permit, you should complete the standard Joint Permit Application rather than the attached abbreviated form. You may obtain a standard Joint Permit Application here: <https://www.nao.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/JPA.aspx>

Should you have any questions regarding this permit, you may contact Savannah Longest of our staff at the email listed above or at (757)247-2262.

For additional information regarding this permit, please visit our website at: https://mrc.virginia.gov/Shellfish_Aquaculture.shtm

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Virginia Marine Resources Commission
General Permit #3
Noncommercial Riparian Shellfish Growing Permit Application

CONTACT INFORMATION			
Name:	(first)	(last)	
Email Address:			
<i>* Required. The agency will be using this email address for all correspondence regarding your permit</i>			
Mailing Address:			
Mobile Number:		Cell Carrier:	
PROJECT SITE INFORMATION			
Project Site Address:	<input type="checkbox"/> Same as above		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Different from above (enter below)		
Project Site County:			
Local Tax Map No:			
Waterway:			
Directions to site from nearest intersection of two state roads:			
AQUACULTURE STRUCTURE INFORMATION			
Type of Aquaculture Structures Employed:			
Number of Structures:		Size of Structures:	_____ (L) _____ (W) _____ (H) (in/feet)
Manner Secured:	<input type="checkbox"/> Attached to existing pier		<input type="checkbox"/> Secured to bottom
If Secured to Bottom, Describe:			
Will extend beyond pier:	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	If yes, how far: _____ (feet)
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION			
<input type="checkbox"/> I understand that this project is for noncommercial shellfish growing			
<input type="checkbox"/> I will not harvest or consume oysters from condemned or contaminated water			
<input type="checkbox"/> I understand that it is my responsibility to stay up-to-date with my VDH water quality zone			
Please go to the following VDH webpage to find the VDH Condemnation Number and Section for your project area: https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/environmental-health/shellfish-harvesting-area-map/			
VDH Condemnation Number:		*VDH Section:	

** Areas approved for harvest will have no Section, please write "Approved" under Section*

MAPS	
Please Attach the Following Maps:	<input type="checkbox"/> Vicinity Map
	<i>*Description: exact location of project site, ex: street maps, county maps</i>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Plan View Drawing
	<i>*Description: proposed structures as if viewed from above. Must include a north arrow, waterway name, location of mean high and low water, width of the waterway, and property lines and shoreline, the depth of the water at project site. Ex: use a recent plat of the property for scale</i>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Cross Sectional Drawing
	<i>*Description: shows the dimensions of the proposed structures as viewed from the site. Should include depth of water, and all structures to be employed. Note: not required for application for floats to be secured to existing private pier</i>
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & SIGNATURES	
Please initial to acknowledge the following statements	
	I hereby apply for all necessary permits for the activities described herein.
	I agree to allow the duly authorized representatives of any regulatory/advisory agency to enter upon the premises of the project site at reasonable times to inspect/photograph site conditions
	I hereby certify that the information submitted in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.
	I agree to be added to the VDH notification database and receive text and email alerts to changing shellfish condemnations in my area

(Applicant Signature)

(Date)

(If different from applicant: Property Owner Signature)

(Date)