

Approved 2026 - 2027 Public Oyster Harvest Season

PLEASE CONSULT VMRC REGULATION 4VAC 20-720 PRIOR TO HARVESTING

Area	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
James								
Clean Cull	HT	HT	HT	HT	HT	HT	HT	HT
Area 1,2,3	HT HS*	HS*	HS*	HS*	HS*	HT	HT	HT
White Shoal	HT	HT	HT	HT	HT	HT	HT	HT
Seed Oysters	HT	HT	HT	HT	HT	HT	HT	HT
York HTA	HT	HT	HT	HT	HT	HT	HT	HT
York 1 and 2	HT	HT	HT	HT	HT	HT	HT	HT
Mobjack/Piankatank	HT	HT	HT	HT	HT	HT	HT	HT
Milford Haven	HT	HT	HT	HT	HT	HT	HT	HT
CBPT Area	PT*	PT*	PT*	PT*	PT*	PT*		
Deep Rk		PT*	PT*	PT*	PT*	PT*		
Rappahannock								
Area 1			PT*	PT*	HS*			
Area 6	HS*	HS*			HS*			
Area 7		PT*		HS*	HS*	HT	HT	HT
Area 8			HS*	HS*		HT	HT	HT
Area 9	HT	HT	HT	HT	HT	HT	HT	HT
Corrotoman HTA	HT	HT	HT	HT	HT	HT	HT	HT
Great Wicomico 1			HS*	HS*				
Great Wicomico 2			HS*	HS*				
Blackberry Hangs				HS*	HS*			
Little Wicomico	VDH CLOSURE*	HT	HT	HT	HT	HT	HT	HT
Nomini River	HT	HT	HT	HT	HT	HT	HT	HT
Yeocomico River	HT	HT	HT	HT	HT	HT	HT	HT
Indian Creek	HT	HT	HT	HT	HT	HT	HT	HT
Poco Area 2			DR*	DR*	DR*			
Tangier Area 2			DR*	DR*	DR*			
Johnsons		DR*						
Nassawadox	HT	HT	HT					
Poco Area 11	HT	HT	HT	HT	HT HS*	HT	HT	HT
Poco Sound HTAs	HT	HT	HT	HT	HT	HT	HT	HT
Seaside ES		By Hand	By Hand	By Hand	By Hand	By Hand	By Hand	By Hand
		HT	HT	HT	HT	HT	HT	HT
HT	HS		DR			PT		By Hand
Hand Tong	Hand Scrape		Dredge			Patent Tong		
* harvest ends at noon/ 11am in October						Online Mandatory Reporting Codes		
Bushel Limits						HT = OT		
8 bushel limit HS/DR/PT - 16 BU. Vessel limit						HS = OSCR		
14 bushel limit HT/By Hand - 28 BU. Vessel limit						DR = OYDRD		
https://webapps.mrc.virginia.gov/harvest/						PT = PTOYS		
Approved by the Commission on August 25,2026						BY HAND = OYHND		

*Virginia Department of Health (VDH) CLOSURE #010A, Little Wicomico River
 Emergency Shellfish Area Condemnation
 Effective October 9, 2026 through November 7, 2026
 It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to take shellfish from this
 area for any purpose except by permit granted by the Marine Resources
 Commission pursuant to Section 28.2-810 of the Code of Virginia