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TO: VIRGINIA SEED OYSTER INDUSTRY

FROM: VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION

RE: CLOSURE OF THE 2023-24 JAMES RIVER SEED OYSTER FISHERY

EFFECTIVE 2PM, MAY 24, 2024.

Effective 2PM, Friday, May 24, 2024, the Virginia James River Seed Area, including the Deep Water Shoal State Replenishment Seed Area will close to the harvest of Seed Oysters. Based upon landing reports from Virginia oyster harvesters, it has been projected that Virginia will have caught 100% of the Seed Oyster quota allocated to be harvested by Virginia Seed Oyster Harvest Permittees, by the above date and time.

Therefore, after 2PM, May 24, 2024, the possession or landing of any seed oysters from the James River Seed Area, including the Deep Water Shoal State Replenishment Seed Area shall be prohibited (Chapter 4 VAC 20-720-85 et seq.).

If you have any questions or comments, please contact the VMRC Conservation and Replenishment Department at (757) 247-2120.

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