

NOTICE

CRD NOTICE 2018-05

NOTICE OF INTENT TO TRANSPLANT SEED OYSTERS FROM THE LOWER JAMES RIVER, NANSEMOND RIDGE AREA FOR THE 2018 OYSTER REPLENISHMENT PROGRAM

NOTICE is hereby given that the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC) intends to transplant approximately 5,000 bushels of seed oysters from the James River to the Nomini River:

THIS PROJECT WAS APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION ON FEBRUARY 27, 2018 AND THE COMMISSION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE CHANGES IN THE PROGRAM AT ANY TIME.

METHOD: The work will be done with oyster dredges.

EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATION:

The boat must be large enough to harvest, transport, and plant at least 1,000 bushels per planting.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

The work is to be done during the time period May 1, 2018 through May 14, 2018.

Harvesting will be done by dredge only. Seed oysters will be uncultured and a minimum count of 400 count/bushel with 6 quarts of shell maximum. All work will be supervised by VMRC personnel. All loads will be measured and documented by VMRC personnel. All bushels shall be standard Virginia bushels.

The areas from which shell and live oysters will be harvested and the areas to be planted on will be designated and marked by VMRC personnel.

The Contractor will be paid approximately \$7.00 per bushel for shell cultch and oysters that are harvested, transported, and replanted. Approximately 5,000 bushels are planned to be harvested and transplanted.

Before any payments can be made to the contractor, there must be verification of registration with the Virginia Department of Minority Business Enterprises, as a small, woman, or minority owned company, and a contract and current Tax form (W-9) completed and on file at the Marine Resources Commission main office. Payment will be made fifteen days after the Conservation and Replenishment Department has received the invoice and all supporting documentation; the check will be forwarded to the contractor by mail.

SELECTION:

VMRC plans to select up to 3 contractors to perform the work. If more responses than this are received then selection will be made by lottery.

LOTTERY:

If more than three applicants should respond, a lottery will be held on April 25, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. in room 303, 3rd floor of the Marine Resources Commission in downtown Newport News at 2600 Washington Avenue. Those wishing to be present are invited to attend.

RESPONSE DEADLINE:

Responses are requested by no later than 12 noon, April 25, 2018.

These responses should be submitted to the Andrew Button, Dept. Head, VMRC-Conservation and Replenishment Department.

Information required: Name, address, telephone no., description of equipment intended for operation on this project and your boat's name or number.

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