

Mr. Jack Travelstead  
Commissioner, Virginia Marine Resources Commission

Ref: Notification of Use of General Permit # 4 For Temporary Protective Enclosures for Shellfish

Applicant:  
Goodwin Island Oyster Company, LLC  
Tim McCulloch  
118 Sandbox Lane  
Yorktown, VA 23692

Location:  
York River 06-00-00 and Thorofare 06-01-00  
Oyster Planting Ground, Lease Number 19352

Description:

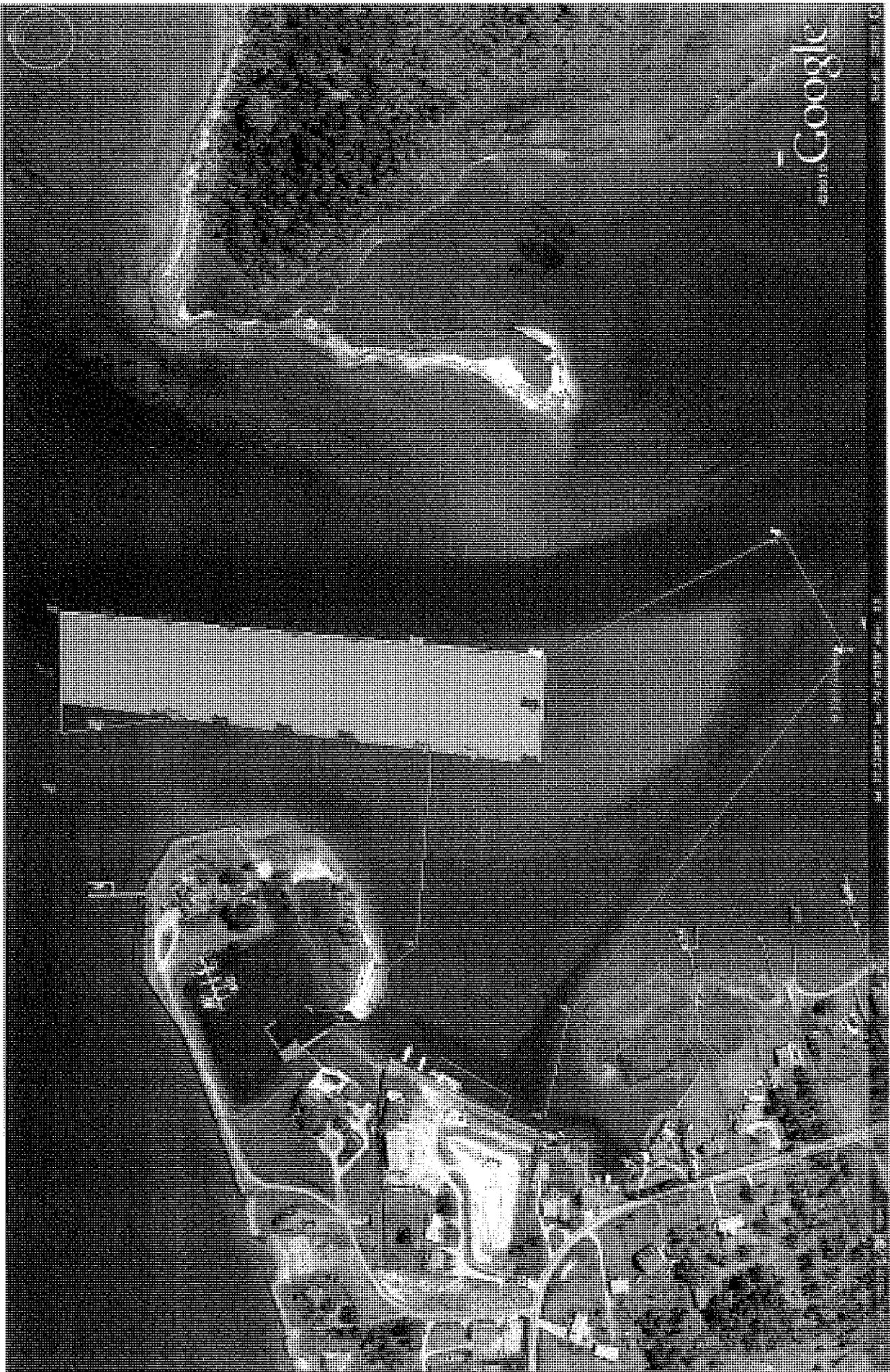
Mr. Travelstead, I would like to use General Permit #4 for up to 1,000 shellfish enclosures on approximately 8 acres of my 26 acre lease as depicted on the attached aerial vicinity map. The enclosures are typical 3 foot x 4 foot wire mesh oyster aquaculture cages in either a single or double "stack" tray configuration. They adhere to the Commonwealth's 12 inch standard regarding height above the substrate. The Permit is needed so that I can use buoys to mark the cages. Oysters are the shellfish being cultivated. Placement is immediate.

The enclosure area is in what is called the Thorofare – Goodwin Island is to the east; York County (Dandy) is to the west; The York River is to the north; York County and the entrance to Back Creek is to the south. A large permanent shoal warning marker installed by the U.S. Coast Guard is about midway on the eastern edge of the enclosure area which we feel is advantageous. In addition to safeguard warnings of the submerged enclosures the buoys marking the cages are additional aids to navigation and will save people from running aground on the shoals. The cages will be deployed in lines across the width and along the length within the area depending on current/wind. The bottom is generally sandy and sandy-mud with no SAV issues. The mean low depth ranges from 2 feet at one extreme to 8 feet at the other. Most of the area is 3-4 feet with a tidal range of about 2.5 feet.

The only riparian property owner within 500 feet of the enclosure area is Greg Garrett, 122 Sandbox Lane, Yorktown, VA 23692. The enclosure area is adjacent to Garrett's own oyster grounds and commercial oyster operations.

Jack, please let me know if additional information is required and thank you for your service to the Commonwealth.

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