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Bevans Oyster Co. General Permit #4 request

November 5, 2009

Steven G. Bowman, Commissioner
Virginia Marine Resources Commission
2600 Washington Avenue
Newport News, VA 23607

Dear Commissioner Bowman:

We are submitting this notification under 4VAC20-1130-10, General Permit #4, for the temporary placement of protective aquaculture structures for culturing oysters. We request permission to deploy aquaculture structures in the South Yeocomico River, Northumberland County. We propose to deploy structures on hard-shelled, leased ground that is void of navigational conflicts and minimally visible for waterfront landowners.

Name:

Bevans Oyster Company

Address:

1090 Skipjack Road, Kinsale, VA 22488

Phone:

804.472.2331 (office)

804.761.9408 (mobile)

Location:

Proposed deployment location is in the South Yeocomico River, just offshore of Harry Hogan. This area is hard-shelled leased oyster ground that will support the placement of protective structures. Plat #15939 is adjacent to and inside of Public Ground #105 and is roughly southeast of Walker Point and southwest of Palmer Point.

Size:

Plat #15939 = 2.5 acres

Number of structures:

The average maximum density of 250 cages/acre will be followed.

Description of structure:

Four (4) foot wide by six (6) foot long by one (1) foot high, individually buoyed, oyster aquaculture cages made with a steel frame containing a wire mesh basket and top.

Species to be cultured:

These cages will be used to culture approved shellfish species currently allowed by Virginia Law.

Description of the area:

Plat #15939 is located inshore of Public Ground #105 and just offshore of Harry Hogan (Pea Neck). Proposed location is in the South Yeocomico River, at the mouth of Mill Creek and Lodge Creek. The deployment location of proposed structures will be well removed from navigable waterways. Additionally, we propose to deploy structures significantly offshore, on the northeast edge of Plat #15939, and therefore do not propose to utilize the entire oyster ground (see enclosed maps). We propose to deploy aquaculture structures in minus 1.5' to minus 8.0' at mean low water. There are no private or commercial piers located adjacent to the proposed aquaculture area. There is one commercial marina located a significant distance to the southeast and will not be directly impacted by the proposed activities.

Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (SAV):

Conflict with SAV is not an issue for the proposed deployment area; historic and recent surveys have not detected active SAV beds (see enclosed SAV map).

Date of placement:

We propose to begin deployment of structures as soon as possible, post issuance of the appropriate permit(s).

Permit fee:

Due to previously issued permits we currently have over 2,500 cages and therefore pay \$1,000.00 annually.

Adjacent Property Owner Addresses:

John and Norma Kines
3071 Harry Hogan Rd.
Callao, VA 22435

Kay Kilgus, c/o Kelli Gorman
3030 River Birch
Pearland, TX 77584

Kendrick Sanders
3905 Railroad Ave, Suite 200N
Fairfax, VA 22030

Thank you for your time and consideration of this General Permit notification for the placement of temporary protective enclosures for oyster culture in the South Yeocomico River, Northumberland County. Please don't hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or require additional information.

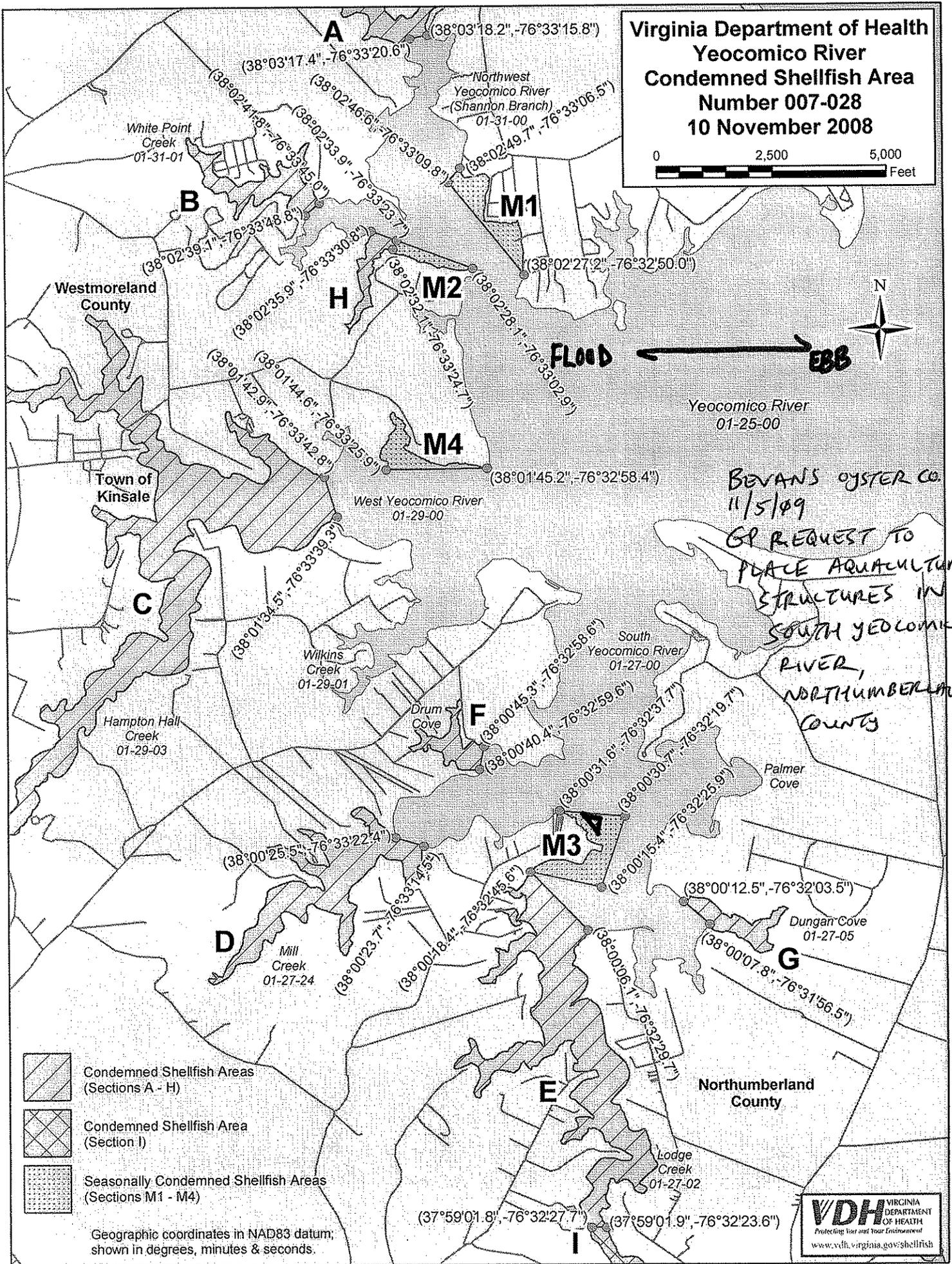
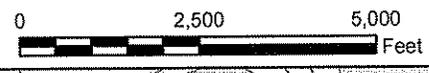
Sincerely,



A.J. Erskine
Bevans Oyster Co.

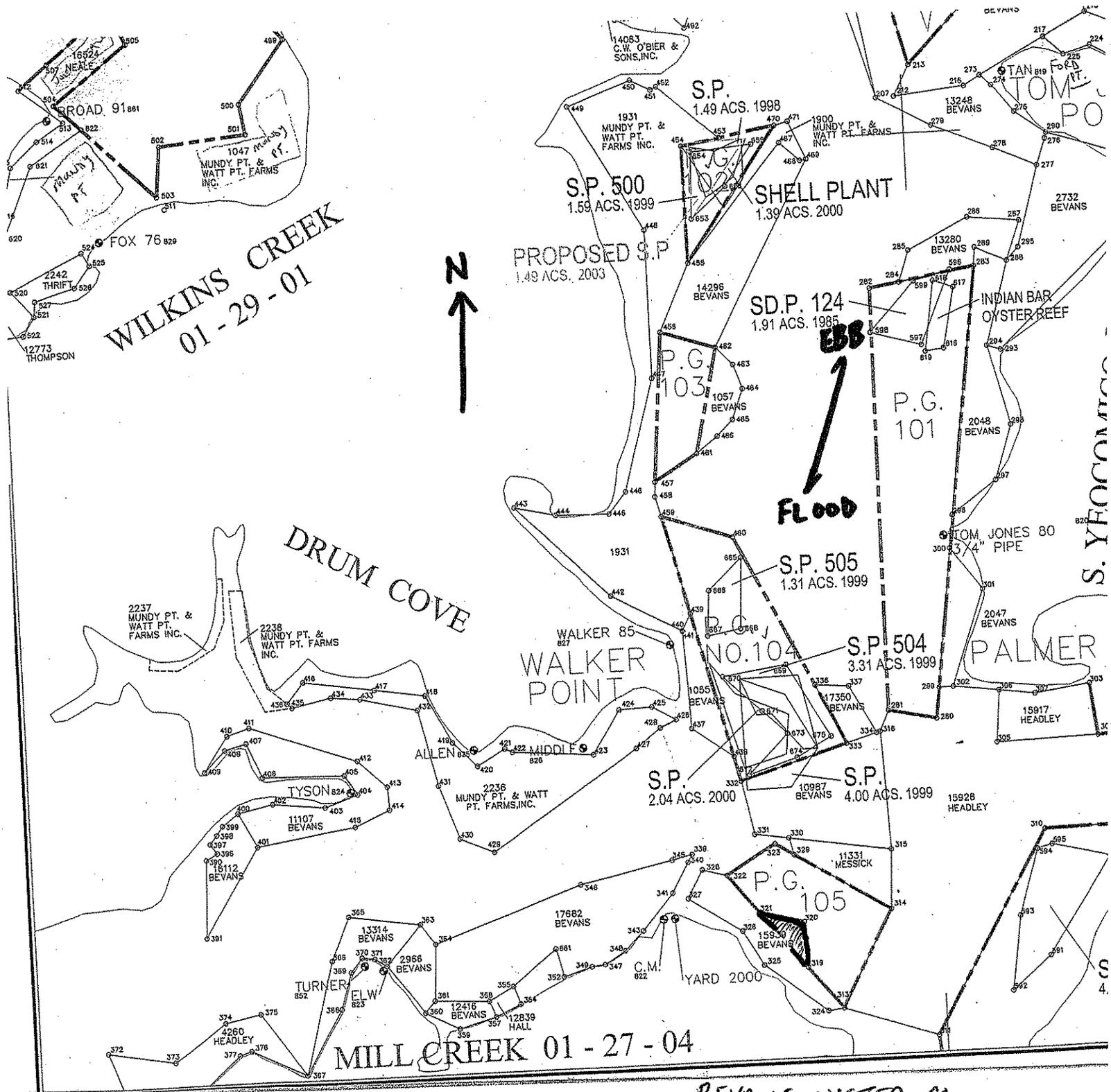
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**Virginia Department of Health
Yeocomico River
Condemned Shellfish Area
Number 007-028
10 November 2008**



-  Condemned Shellfish Areas (Sections A - H)
-  Condemned Shellfish Area (Section I)
-  Seasonally Condemned Shellfish Areas (Sections M1 - M4)

Geographic coordinates in NAD83 datum, shown in degrees, minutes & seconds.



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Walker Farms
10461

Palmer Point



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Mill Creek
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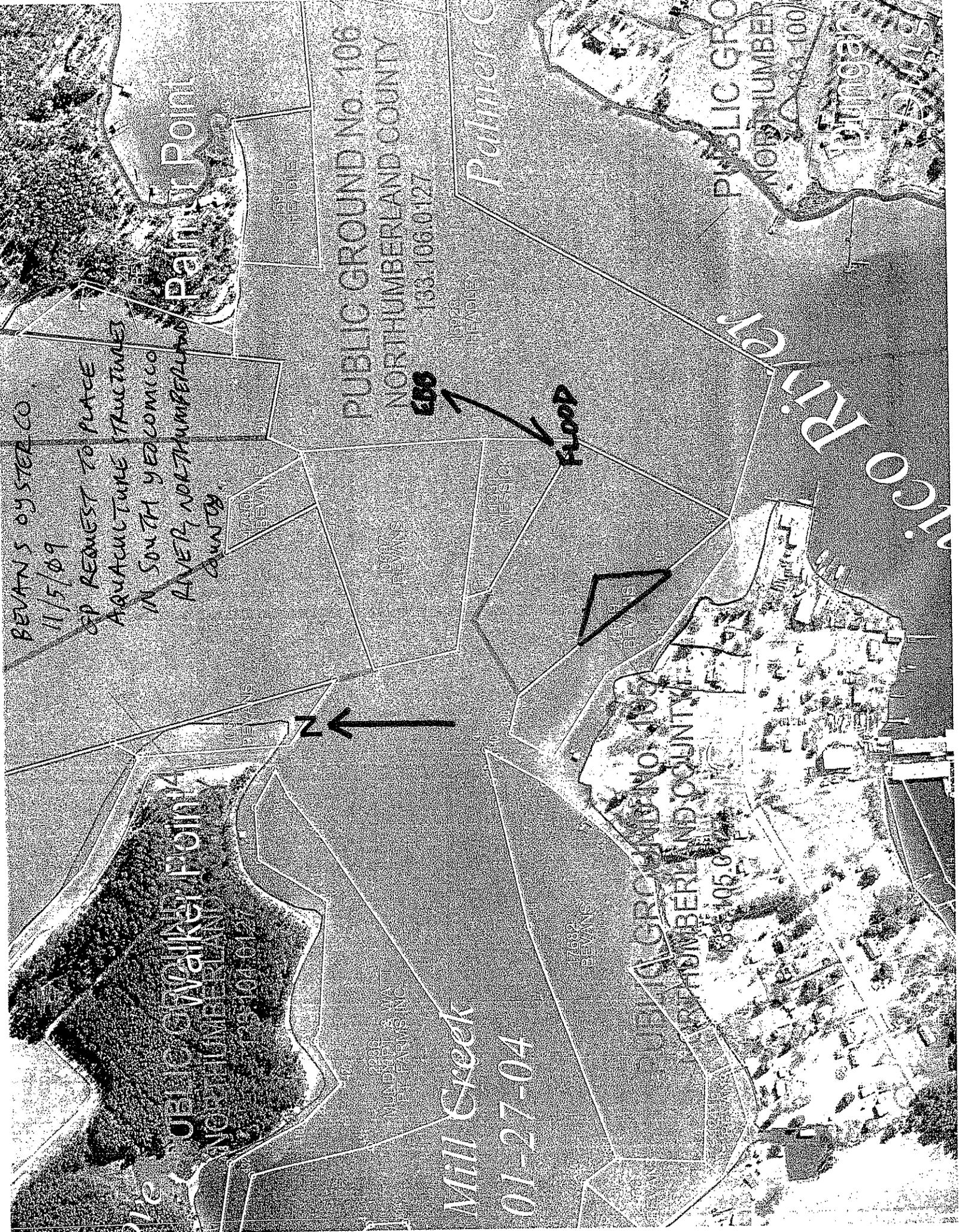
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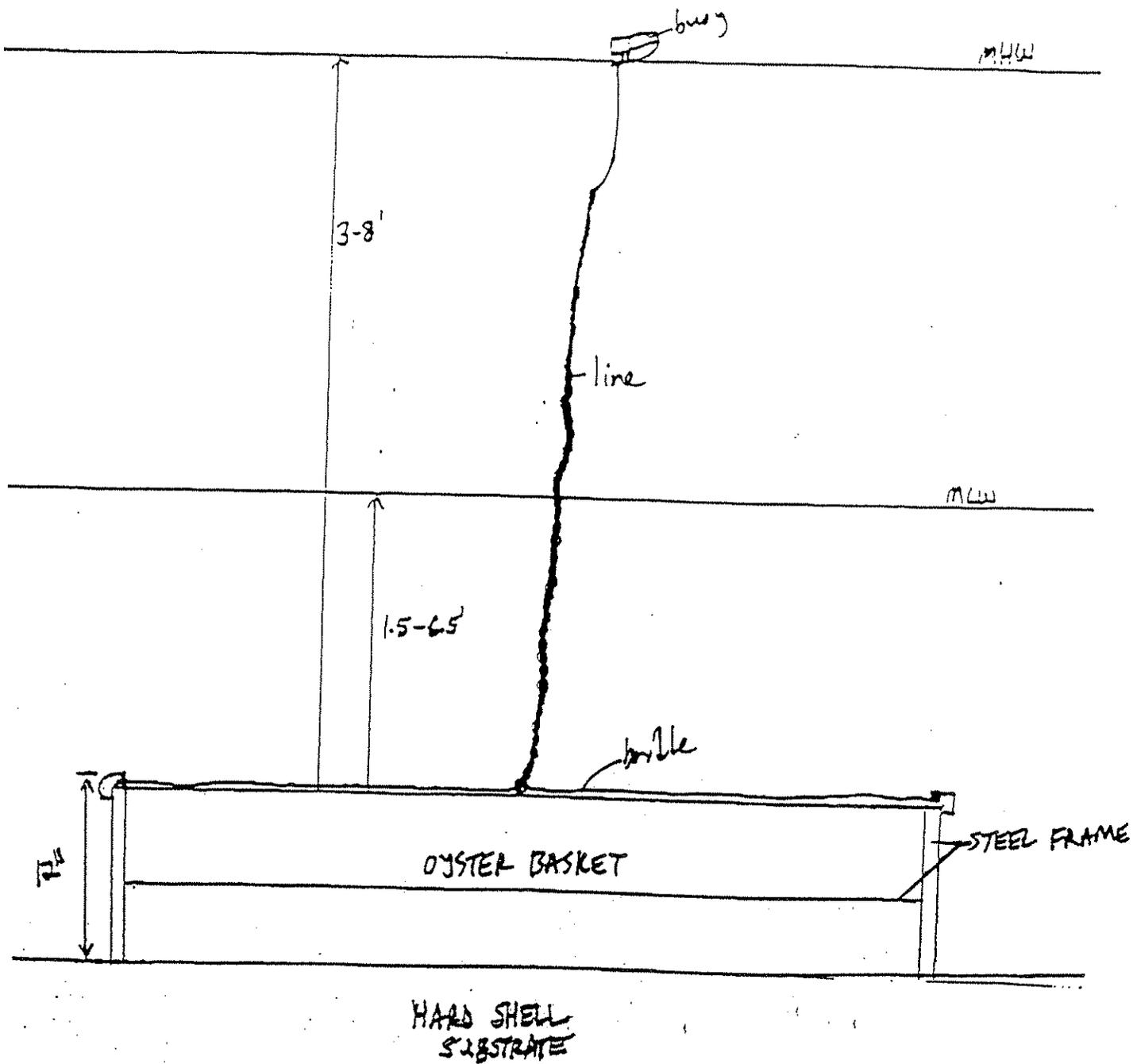
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153-100.0127

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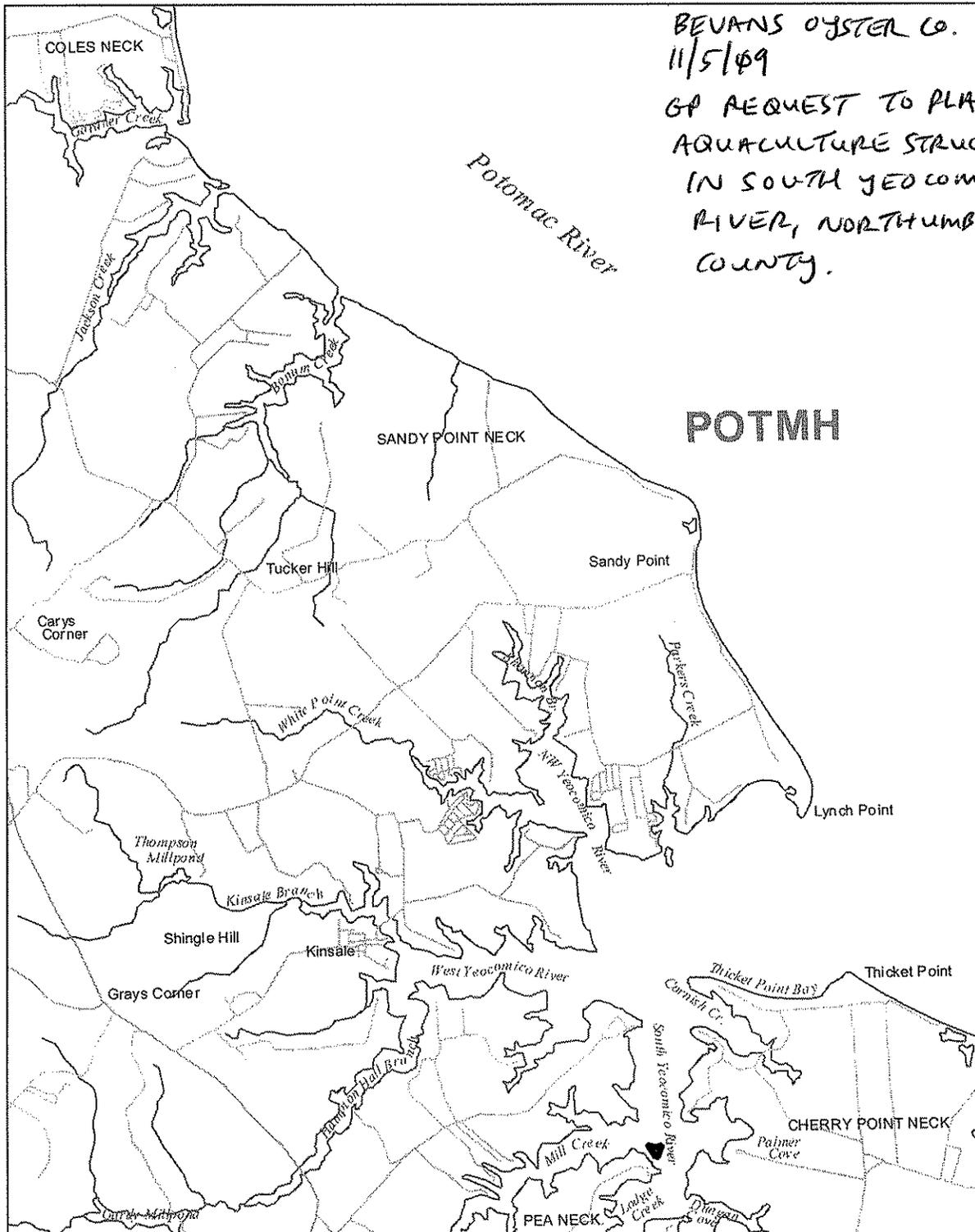


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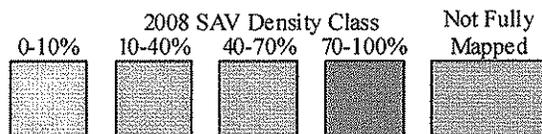
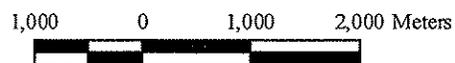
Submerged Aquatic Vegetation 2008 (No SAV - Preliminary)

Kinsale, Va.- Md. (88)



Hectares of SAV: 0.00

Date Flown:



Sources: VIMS, USGS

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