

# NOTICE

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## NOTICE OF INTENT PURCHASE OYSTER GREATER THAN 4 ¼ (4.25) INCHES FOR THE 2009 REPLENISHMENT PROGRAM

NOTICE is hereby given that the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC) intends to pay \$25.00 per Virginia bushel for live oysters greater than 4 ¼ (4.25) inches in size which are harvested in Rotation Area 3 of the Lower Rappahannock River. The program is intended to protect potentially disease tolerant oysters and to deploy them on broodstock sanctuary areas within the Rappahannock River.

THE COMMISSION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE CHANGES IN THE PROGRAM AT ANY TIME.

### GENERAL:

To participate, each harvester shall have a valid permit to harvest in the Lower Rappahannock River, and have a current tax form (W-9) completed and on file at the Marine Resources Commission main office.

Live oysters greater than 4 ¼ (4.25) inches must be harvested from Rotation Area 3 of the Lower Rappahannock River.

Each harvester is allowed up to 3 bushels per day of oyster greater than 4 ¼ (4.25) inches.

Oysters greater than 4 ¼ (4.25) inches may be kept in three (3) orange, one-bushel, plastic baskets until such time as they are deployed onto a designated oyster sanctuary area. Each bushel of oysters must be rounded at the top and equate to a standard Virginia bushel.

Oysters will only be purchased in whole bushels.

All large oysters greater than 4 ¼ (4.25) inches shall be deployed daily. At the end of the harvesting process, the oysters shall be transported and spread evenly by the harvester on a designated oyster sanctuary area in the presence of a Marine Police Officer.

The price per bushel will be \$25.00 for all oyster deployed onto an oyster sanctuary area.

The Marine Police Officer shall provide a MRC 53 form as a receipt for the daily deployment of up to three (3) bushels of oysters greater than 4 ¼ (4.25) inches in length that are deployed onto a designated oyster sanctuary area. The officer must sign the ticket for it to be valid.

Daily receipts (hard copies of MRC 53 tickets) may be submitted on a weekly basis to the VMRC main office (ATTN: Conservation/Replenishment) and payment will be made within fifteen (15) days.

### MAILING INFORMATION AND CONTACT INFORMATION:

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