"OPENING OF JOHN EAST TURN AND POYNTER ROCKS AND CLOSING BEASELEY BAY ROCK AND DEEP CREEK CHANNEL, BUOY NO. 7" CHAPTER 4VAC20-810-10 ET SEQ.

PREAMBLE

This chapter is promulgated pursuant to authority contained in §§ 28.2-201, 28.2-507, and 28.2-518 of the Code of Virginia. This chapter repeals previous Chapter 4VAC20-810-10 et seq., which was made effective December 2, 1986. The effective date of this chapter, as amended, is December 31, 2023.

4VAC20-810-10. Authority and prior regulations. (Repealed.)

A. This chapter is promulgated pursuant to the authority contained in §§ 28.1-85 [Repealed] and 28.1-128.1 [Repealed] of the Code of Virginia.

B. This chapter repeals Marine Resources Commission Order Number VR 450-01-8507 which was promulgated and made effective October 1, 1985, and modifies that portion of the Marine Resources Commission Order 450-01-8508 pertaining to Deep Creek Channel, Buoy No. 7, which was promulgated and made effective October 23, 1985.

4VAC20-810-20. Purpose. (Repealed.)

The purpose of this chapter is to open certain designated areas on the seaside of Eastern Shore thereby allowing the harvesting of the oysters which have had sufficient time to grow to market size and, to close certain designated areas in the Pocomoke Sound management areas in order to conserve the numerous small oysters present in these areas.

4VAC20-810-30. Designated opened and closed areas. (Repealed.)

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A. The following areas in Mockhorn Bay, seaside Eastern Shore, are opened to the taking of oysters effective December 2, 1986:

- 1. John East Turn Rock, where the Commonwealth planted shells in 1984.
- 2. Poynter Rock, where the Commonwealth planted shells in 1984.
- B. The following areas in the Pocomoke Sound Management Area are closed to the taking of oysters effective December 8, 1986:
 - 1. Beaseley Bay Rock, where the Commonwealth planted shells in 1984.
 - 2. Deep Creek Channel, Buoy No. 7, where the Commonwealth planted shells in 1984.

4VAC20-810-40. Rescinded and modified orders. (Repealed.)

- A. Marine Resources Commission Order Number 450-01-8507 is hereby rescinded.
- B. Marine Resources Commission Order Number 450-01-8508, § 3, paragraph B, which opened Deep Creek Channel, Buoy No. 7 is hereby rescinded.

4VAC20-810-50. Penalty. (Repealed.)

Pursuant to § 28.1-23 [Repealed] of the the Code of Virginia, any person, firm, or corporation who violates any chapters adopted and promulgated by the commission shall be guilty of a Class I misdemeanor.

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This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of the chapter passed by the Marine Resources Commission, pursuant to authority vested in the Commission by §28.2-201 of the Code of Virginia, duly advertised according to statute, and recorded in the Commission's minute book, at meeting held in Hampton, Virginia on December 5, 2023.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION

	BY:	
		Jamie L. Green Commissioner
Subscribed and sworn to before me this	day of	2023.
		Notary Public