

NOTICE

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF SEED OYSTERS IN THE CORROTOMAN RIVER FOR PRIVATE INDUSTRY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PLANTING ON PRIVATE OYSTER GROUND LEASES

Notice is hereby given that the Virginia Marine Resources Commission will be offering for harvest by the private oyster industry approximately 4,000 bushels of seed oysters from Corrotoman River.

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

GENERAL:

Harvest dates will be April 15, 2013 through April 19, 2013.

The harvest area will be designated and marked by VMRC personnel.

Harvesting will be done by standard oyster dredges, hand scrape or hand tongs. All harvesting will be completed by 2:00 p.m.

Seed oysters will be unculled and a minimum count of 200 oysters/bushel.

VMRC personnel will be present to measure and/or tally and document each harvester's daily catch. All bushels shall be standard Virginia bushels. Receipts for seed harvested will be provided to participants and will provide a record of shells to be replanted or monies to be paid.

All seed oysters harvested may only be replanted on private ground leases in Virginia waters.

These seed oysters are being made available to the private oyster industry on the basis that for every bushel of seed oysters harvested by private industry, one bushel of shell will be planted on the same public beds by the buyer of the seed oysters in the summer of 2013. Shells may be replaced by the buyer of seed oysters, or payment for the cost of purchasing, transporting, and planting that amount of shells can be paid directly to VMRC at a rate of \$2.00/bushel of seed harvested.

Harvest must be reported on the appropriate harvest buyers tax form and per bushel Replenishment Tax paid.

VMRC personnel will be present for all planting of shells back on to the harvest areas.

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RESPONSE DEADLINE:

All interested buyers must contact the Conservation and Replenishment Department by mail, fax, or e-mail no later than March 21, 2013. The response must indicate the amount desired (200-500 bushel increments) and whether shell replacement on public grounds will be by shellplanting themselves (1-bushel of shell for 1-bushel of seed) or by paying VMRC \$2.00 per bushel of seed harvested in the Corrotoman River.

If all responses should total more than the 4,000 bushels available from the river, then the requests will be adjusted proportional to the number of bushels requested.

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