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8 October 2026

MEMORANDUM

TO: B. Cameron Webb, MD, JD
State Health Commissioner

FROM: E. Danielle Schools, Director
Division of Shellfish Safety & Waterborne Hazards

SUBJECT: Emergency Shellfish Area Condemnation
Effective 9 October 2026
010A, Little Wicomico River

On October 7, 2026, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) notified the Office of Environmental Health Services, Division of Shellfish Safety and Waterborne Hazards (DSSWH), that it recommends a precautionary emergency closure of the Little Wicomico River.

The FDA's recommendation follows the identification by a Pennsylvania Department of Health epidemiologist of an epidemiological association between the Salmonella Telekebir illness outbreak in Pennsylvania and the consumption of oysters harvested from Virginia waters in the Little Wicomico River, Northumberland County.

The attached shellfish area closure is recommended as a precautionary measure to prevent additional illnesses associated with the consumption of shellfish harvested from the implicated area and to comply with FDA recommendations.

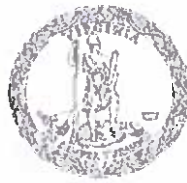
The following classification changes are recommended for these waters affecting the ability to directly market shellfish present there.

- One thousand one hundred sixty-four (1164) acres in the Little Wicomico River and its tributaries in Northumberland County to be *reclassified* from *Approved* to *Restricted*.

Please notify the Division if there are any questions or as soon as the condemnation has been signed.

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Attachment



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EMERGENCY REGULATION

NOTICE AND DESCRIPTION OF EMERGENCY SHELLFISH AREA CONDEMNATION NUMBER 010A, LITTLE WICOMICO RIVER

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 9, 2026 THROUGH NOVEMBER 7, 2026

Pursuant to Title 28.2, Chapter 8, §§ 28.2-803 through 28.2-808, § 32.1-20, and § 2.2-4002, B.16 of the Code of Virginia:

1. Pursuant to § 28.2-809, § 32.1-13, § 32.1-20 and § 2.2-4002 B.16, and § 2.2-4028 of the Code of Virginia an emergency closure on waters of the Little Wicomico River is hereby established, effective 9 October 2026. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to take shellfish from this area for any purpose except by permit granted by the Marine Resources Commission, as provided in Section 28.2-810 of the Code of Virginia. The boundaries of this area are shown on the map titled "Little Wicomico River, Emergency Condemned Shellfish Area Number 010A, 9 October 2026" which is part of this notice.
2. The Department of Health will receive, consider and respond to petitions by any interested person at any time with respect to reconsideration or revision of this order.

BOUNDARIES OF EMERGENCY CONDEMNED AREA NUMBER 010A

The condemned area shall include that portion of the Little Wicomico River upstream of a line drawn between latitude / longitude map coordinate (37°53'24.7", -76°14'10.3") and map coordinate (37°53'22.9", -76°14'08.9").

Recommended by: Danielle Schools
Director, Division of Shellfish Safety

Ordered by: B. Cameron Webb (Oct 8, 2026 17:01:38 EDT) Oct 8, 2026
State Health Commissioner Date

Virginia Department of Health
Little Wicomico River
Emergency Condemned Shellfish Area
Number 010A
9 October 2026



Northumberland
County

Northumberland
County

Cod Cr
10-02-11

Ellyson Cr
10-02-02

Little Wicomico River
10-02-00

Bridge Cr
10-02-07

Potomac River
01-00-00

Smith
Point

Chesapeake
Bay
10-00-00

Rock
Hole
Cr

(37°53'24.7", -76°14'10.3")
(37°53'22.9", -76°14'08.9")

Emergency Condemned
Shellfish Area
Routine Condemned
Shellfish Areas



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

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