



**CREDIT CERTIFICATION AND REGISTRATION FORM  
FOR OYSTER AQUACULTURE PRACTICES**  
PROJECT DURATION: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31,

**A. PROJECT ELIGIBILITY**

Please respond to the questions below.

Yes

(1) Is the practice a private oyster aquaculture (POA) listed in C.1?

(2) Is the practice located in a Maryland tidal segment in the Chesapeake Bay watershed?

If the answers to questions 1 – 2 are yes, please proceed with this application. Otherwise, contact the Maryland Department of the Environment at [mde.wqtrading@maryland.gov](mailto:mde.wqtrading@maryland.gov)

**B. APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Applicant Name:

Mailing Address:

County:

State:

ZIP Code:

Telephone Number:

Email:

If the Applicant is not the Lease Owner, please provide the following information for the Lease Owner and documentation demonstrating that the Applicant has permission to apply for the credit certification and registration.

Lease Owner Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

**C. AQUACULTURE INFORMATION**

(1) Type of practice:	Off-bottom POA using hatchery-produced oyster <input type="checkbox"/>	On-bottom POA using hatchery-produced oysters <input type="checkbox"/>	On-bottom POA using substrate addition <input type="checkbox"/>
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(2) Ploidy:	Diploid <input type="checkbox"/>	Triploid <input type="checkbox"/>
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(3) Bay Segment your lease(s) are in: <https://arcg.is/1Puj1e>

(4) Oyster Aquaculture Lease Number (s):

**D. CREDIT CALCULATIONS**

For help in this section see the [Oyster Credit Calculator](#) and include a copy when submitting this form. Below share the results from Oyster Credit Calculator that are highlighted in green. This will be the credits eligible for trading (lbs./yr.)

Small (2.0-2.49 in):	Nitrogen Credits (lbs.) <input type="text"/>	Phosphorus Credits (lbs.) <input type="text"/>
Medium (2.5-3.49 in):	Nitrogen Credits (lbs.) <input type="text"/>	Phosphorus Credits (lbs.) <input type="text"/>
Large (3.5-4.49 in):	Nitrogen Credits (lbs.) <input type="text"/>	Phosphorus Credits (lbs.) <input type="text"/>
XLarge (4.5in >):	Nitrogen Credits (lbs.) <input type="text"/>	Phosphorus Credits (lbs.) <input type="text"/>

Total up credits from Small, Medium, Large and XLarge Credits (lbs.):	Nitrogen <input type="text"/>	Phosphorus <input type="text"/>
<b>Total Credits Generated (lbs.):</b> (Multiply the total above by 0.95 and round <i>down</i> to a whole number to account for Reserve Ratio. This should match the number highlighted in yellow if you use the Calculator.)	Nitrogen <input type="text"/>	Phosphorus <input type="text"/>

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION CHECKLIST**

- Unit Verification Form signed from MD DNR
- \*Aggregators Only: Documentation showing that the Applicant has the Property Owner’s permission to apply for certification of credits from their lease.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION NOTICE**

Your application cannot be processed unless all of the requested information and accompanying documents have been supplied. These materials will be used by the Maryland Department of the Environment to confirm the applicant’s eligibility to participate in the Maryland Water Quality Trading Program, verify existing effluent performance data and register tradable credits. You have the right to inspect, amend, or correct any information provided. Under State Government Article, §10-611 et seq., Annotated Code of Maryland, the information contained in your application and documents may be available for public inspection.

**All Supporting Documentation Should be Uploaded to the Registry.**

**APPLICATION CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE**

I certify that the information on the Credit Certification and Registration Form and any accompanying documents are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I grant permission to the Department, verifier, and their agents to enter the project site for inspection purposes during working hours. I will abide by the conditions of all permits or licenses issued for this project and will operate the project in a manner that will generate the credits identified in this application. I understand that none of the information contained in the application form is confidential and that I may request that required information be considered confidential under applicable laws.

I understand that I must provide an update of this credit registration, in writing within 30 days, to the Department and the credit buyer, if applicable, if there is a change in: (1) project operations that could reasonably be expected to affect this credit certification; or (2) ownership of the project.

I further understand that failure to sign the application will result in the application being deemed incomplete.

**APPLICANT’S SIGNATURE:**  **DATE:**

Send completed form **via electronically** and any accompanying materials (See Supporting Documentation List above) to:

[mde.wqtrading@maryland.gov](mailto:mde.wqtrading@maryland.gov)  
Trading Program

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