



November 1, 2024

Mr. Joshua Kurtz, Secretary  
Maryland Department of Natural Resources  
Tawes State Office Building  
580 Taylor Avenue  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Secretary Kurtz:

The Maryland Department of the Environment has determined by sampling of the water and appropriate investigation that the area described below complies with the standards for conditionally approved shellfish harvesting. Therefore, pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, Natural Resources Article § 4-742, MDE hereby reclassifies the area described below to conditionally approved for the harvesting of shellfish **effective November 18, 2024**. Please note that this reclassification does not change the Department of Natural Resources designation of the area described as an oyster sanctuary.

Following rainfall events of one or more inches in a 24-hour period, MDE will close this area for the catching or storing of shellfish for a period of three days. The area will be opened after three days unless another rainfall event occurs in the same area. The closure will be broadcast over the Maryland Natural Resources Police VHF radio band 14 at 5, 6, and 7 a.m. daily. The same information can be obtained by calling a toll free number (1-800-541-1210) and listening to a recording; it can also be found daily on the MDE website (<https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/Marylander/fishandshellfish/Pages/shellfishadvisory.aspx>).

### **Choptank River, Talbot County and Dorchester County (8E)**

All the waters of the Choptank River upstream of a line extending in a northwesterly direction from Oystershell Point (38°35'03.9" North Latitude, 75°59'56.9" West Longitude) to a point (38°35'39.2" North Latitude, 76°00'42.6" West Longitude), and west of a line at the mouth of Indian Creek from a point on the southern shore of Indian Creek (38°35'03.4" North Latitude, 75°58'52.0" West Longitude) to a point on the northern shore of Indian Creek, (38°35'32.1" North Latitude, 75°58'37.2" West Longitude) and west of a line continuing in a northerly direction from the same point at the southern shore of Goose Creek to Green Point (38°36'20.7" North Latitude, 75°58'35.2" West Longitude) on the north shore of Goose Creek, and downstream of a line running in a northwesterly direction from Green Point to Jamaica Point (38°36'38.9" North Latitude, 75°59'09.4" West Longitude) on the western shore of the Choptank River.

The following areas will remain restricted to shellfish harvesting:

**Choptank River, Talbot County and Dorchester County (8E)**

All of the waters of the Choptank River upstream of a line extending in a southeasterly direction from Jamaica Point (38° 36' 38.9" North Latitude, 75° 59' 09.4" West Longitude) on the western shore of the Choptank River to Green Point (38° 36' 20.7" North Latitude, 75° 58' 35.2" West Longitude) on the opposite shore. This area includes the Warwick River.

Effective Date: May 11, 1992, February 9, 2009  
Continued Date: October 19, 2009, August 25, 2014, May 8, 2017, August 15, 2022, and November 18, 2024.

**Goose Creek, Choptank River, Talbot County and Dorchester County (8D)**

All of the waters of Goose Creek east of a line extending in a southerly direction from Green Point (38° 36' 20.7" North Latitude, 75° 58' 35.2" West Longitude) on the northern shore of Goose Creek to a point of land (38° 35' 32.1" North Latitude, 75° 58' 37.2" West Longitude) on the opposite shore.

Effective Date: May 11, 1992, February 9, 2009  
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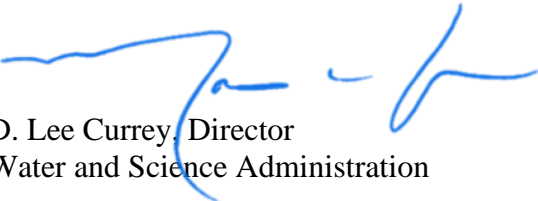
**Indian Creek, Choptank River, Talbot County and Dorchester County (8F)**

All of the waters of Indian Creek east of a line extending in a southwesterly direction from a point of land (38° 35' 32.1" North Latitude, 75° 58' 37.2" West Longitude) on the north shore of Indian Creek and to a point of land (38° 35' 3.4" North Latitude, 75° 58' 52.0" West Longitude) on the opposite shore.

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A map of this area is attached.

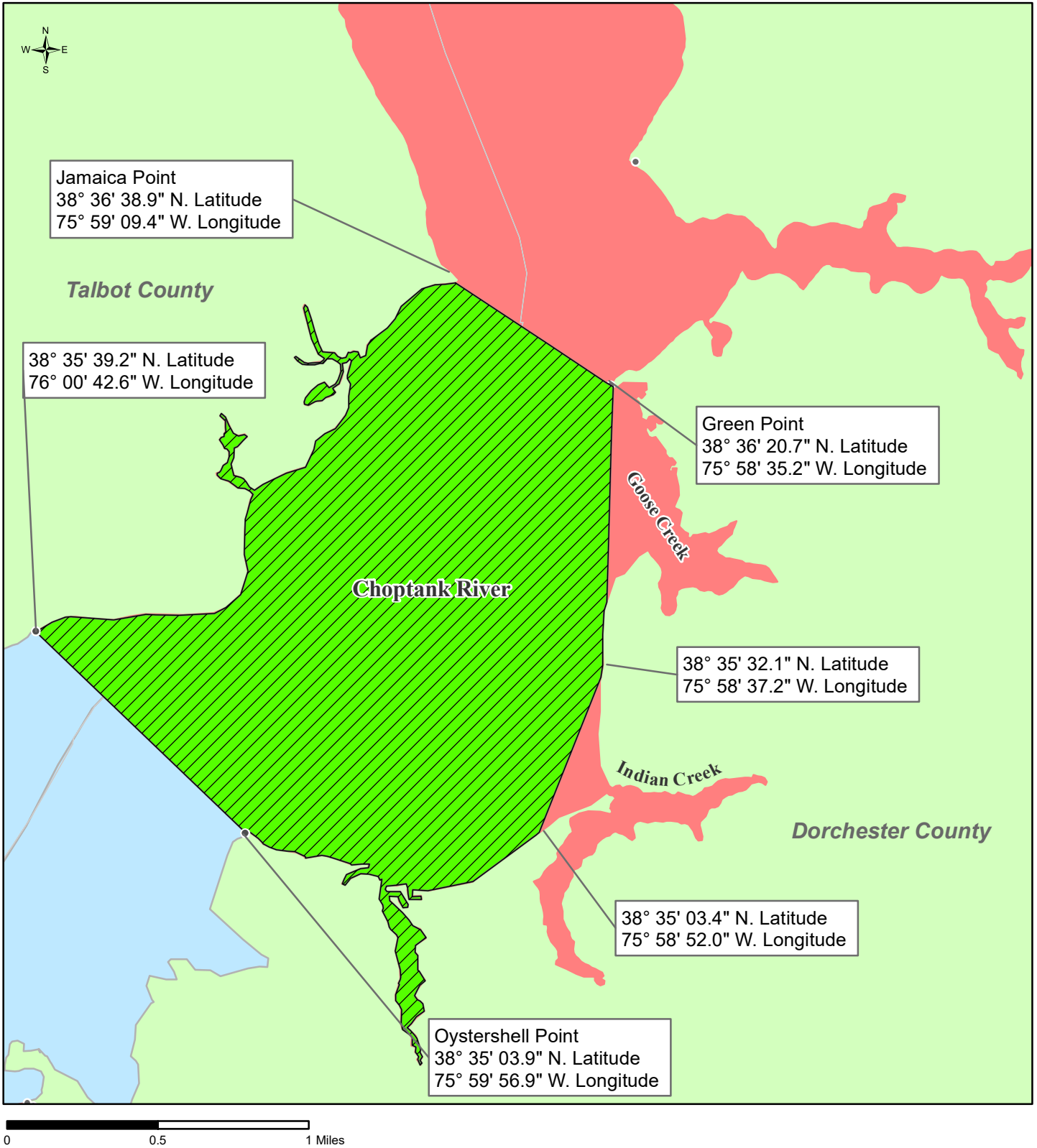
Sincerely,






D. Lee Currey, Director  
Water and Science Administration

Attachment  
cc: (see attached list)

Notice of Changes to Shellfish Waters



Choptank River, Talbot and Dorchester Counties  
Prohibited Shellfish Area Map 8E  
November 2024

-  Conditionally Approved By This Letter
-  Remains Approved By This Letter
-  Remains Restricted By This Letter

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