



July 5, 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 July 15, 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>).

### **Corsica River, Chester River, Queen Anne's County (5D1)**

All of the waters of the Corsica River upstream of a line extending in a northerly direction from a point of land (39°04'31.4" North Latitude, 76°08'01.4" West Longitude) on the south shore of the Corsica River to a point of land (39°05'01.8" North Latitude, 76°07'57.9" West Longitude) on the opposite shore, and all the waters of the Corsica River downstream of a line extending in a northeasterly direction from Wash Point (39°04'51.2" North Latitude, 76°06'42.2" West Longitude) to Cedar Point (39°04'57.9" North Latitude, 76°06'29.6" West Longitude).

The following area will remain restricted:

**Corsica River, Chester River, Queen Anne's County (5D)**

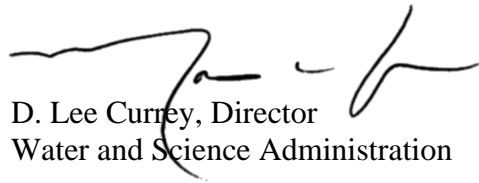
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Effective Date: August 31, 1979

Continued Date: October 26, 1987, and July 15, 2024

A map of this area is attached.

Sincerely,

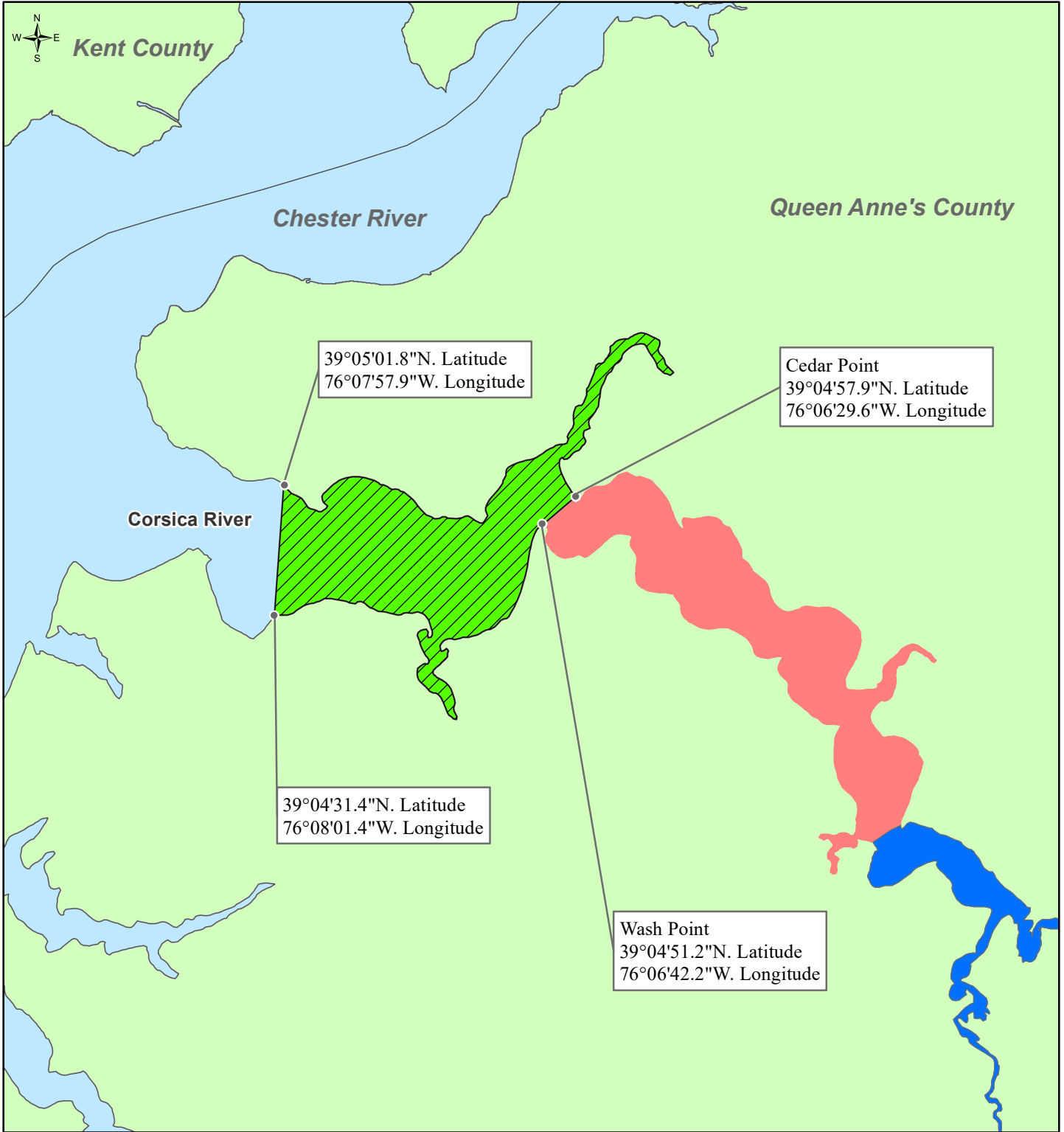


D. Lee Currey, Director  
Water and Science Administration





Attachment

cc: (see attached list)

Notice of Changes to Shellfish Waters



Corsica River, Chester River, Queen Anne's County  
Prohibited Shellfish Area Map 5D1  
July 2024

-  Conditionally Approved By This Letter
-  Remains Approved By This Letter
-  Remains Restricted By This Letter
-  Non Shellfish Waters



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