



February 28, 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 the harvesting of shellfish. Therefore, pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, Natural Resources Article § 4-742, MDE hereby reclassifies the area described below to approved for the harvesting of shellfish **effective March 18, 2024.**

**Shipping Creek, Eastern Bay, Queen Anne's County (50D, 50E, 50F)**

All the waters west of a line extending from a point of land (38°54'40.5" North Latitude, 76°20'23.6" West Longitude) on the northern point at the mouth of Shipping Creek to a point of land (38°54'25.3" North Latitude, 76°20'15.3" West Longitude) on the opposite shore.

**Cox Creek and Thompson Creek, Eastern Bay, Queen Anne's County (50B)**

All of the waters upstream of a line extending across Cox Creek from a point of land (38°55'49.6" North Latitude, 76°18'59.6" West Longitude) on the western side of Cox Creek to a point of land (38°55'50.2" North Latitude, 76°18'37.7" West Longitude) on the opposite shore.

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 March 18, 2024.**

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>).

**Crab Alley Creek, Eastern Bay, Queen Anne's County (50A2)**

All of the waters of Crab Alley Creek upstream of a line extending in a slight northeasterly direction from a point of land (38°55'22.1" North Latitude, 76°17'52.0" West Longitude) on the western side of Crab Alley Creek to a point of land (38°55'55.5" North Latitude, 76°15'57.5" West Longitude) on the opposite shore, and all of the waters of Little Creek downstream of a line extending in a southeasterly direction from a point of land (38°56'08.2" North Latitude, 76°17'09.0" West Longitude) near the mouth of Little Creek to a point of land (38°56'06.8" North Latitude, 76°17'03.5" West Longitude) on the opposite shore, and all of the waters of Crab Alley Creek downstream of a line extending in a south easterly direction from a point of land (38°56'30.4" North Latitude, 76°17'29.6" West Longitude) on the western side of Crab Alley Creek to a point of land (38°56'28.9" North Latitude, 76°17'18.5" West Longitude) on the opposite shore.

The following area will remain restricted:

**Crab Alley Creek, Eastern Bay, Queen Anne's County (50A1)**

All of the waters of Crab Alley Creek north of a line extending in a south easterly direction from a point of land (38°56'30.4" North Latitude, 76°17'29.6" West Longitude) on the western side of Crab Alley Creek to a point of land (38°56'28.9" North Latitude, 76°17'18.5" West Longitude) on the opposite shore.

Effective Date: October 15, 1987

Continued Date: April 26, 2021, and March 18, 2024

**Little Creek, Crab Alley Creek, Queen Anne's County (50C)**

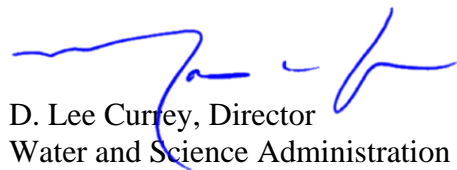
All of the waters of Little Creek north of a line extending in a southeasterly direction from a point of land (38°56'08.2" North Latitude, 76°17'09.0" West Longitude) near the mouth of Little Creek to a point of land (38°56'06.8" North Latitude, 76°17'03.5" West Longitude) on the opposite shore.

Effective Date: May 23, 1975, and October 15, 1987

Continued Date: May 27, 2013, and March 18, 2024

Maps of these areas are attached.

Sincerely,

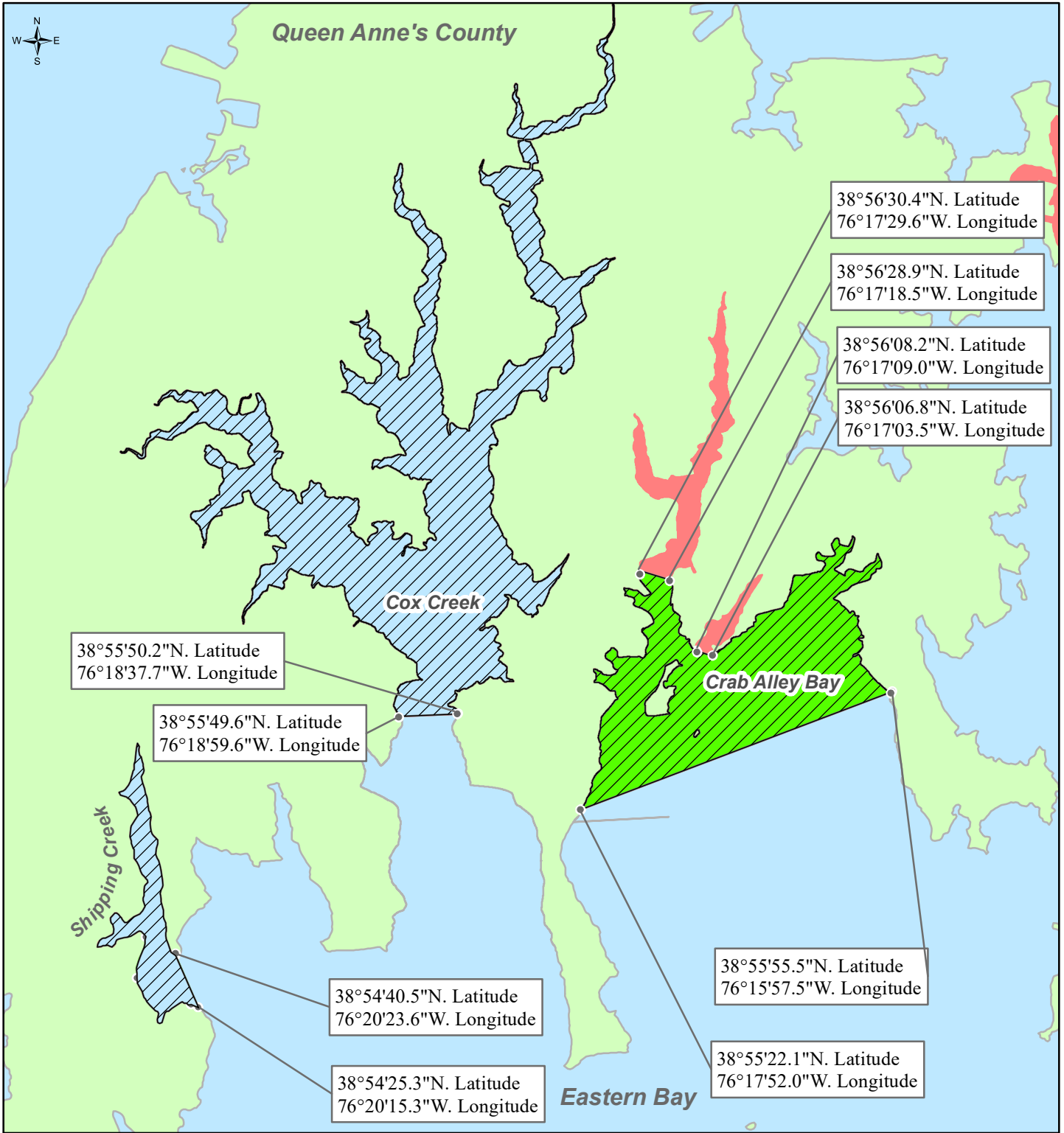


D. Lee Currey, Director  
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Attachment

cc: (see attached list)

Notice of Changes to Shellfish Waters



Crab Alley Bay, Cox Creek, and Shipping Creek, Eastern Bay, Queen Anne's County  
Prohibited Shellfish Area Maps 50A, 50B, 50D, 50E, and 50F  
March 2024

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



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