



December 22, 2023

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 January 8, 2024.**

Irish Creek and Haskins Cove, Broad Creek, Talbot County

All of the waters of Irish Creek and Haskins Cove upstream of a line extending in a southeasterly direction from a point of land (38°42'29.5" North Latitude, 76° 12' 48.7" West Longitude) on the north shore to a point of land (38° 42' 18.1" North Latitude, 76° 12' 39.8" West Longitude) on the opposite shore and downstream of a line extending in a southerly direction from a point of land (38°42'21.4" North Latitude, 76° 12' 11.3" West Longitude) on the north shore to a point of land (38° 42' 15.4" North Latitude, 76° 12' 17.3" 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 January 8, 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>

Irish Creek, Broad Creek, Talbot County (16B)

All of the waters of Irish Creek upstream of a line extending in a southerly direction from a point of land (38°42'21.4" North Latitude, 76° 12' 11.3" West Longitude) on the north shore to a point of land (38° 42' 15.4" North Latitude, 76° 12' 17.3" West Longitude) on the opposite shore.

Maps of these areas are attached.

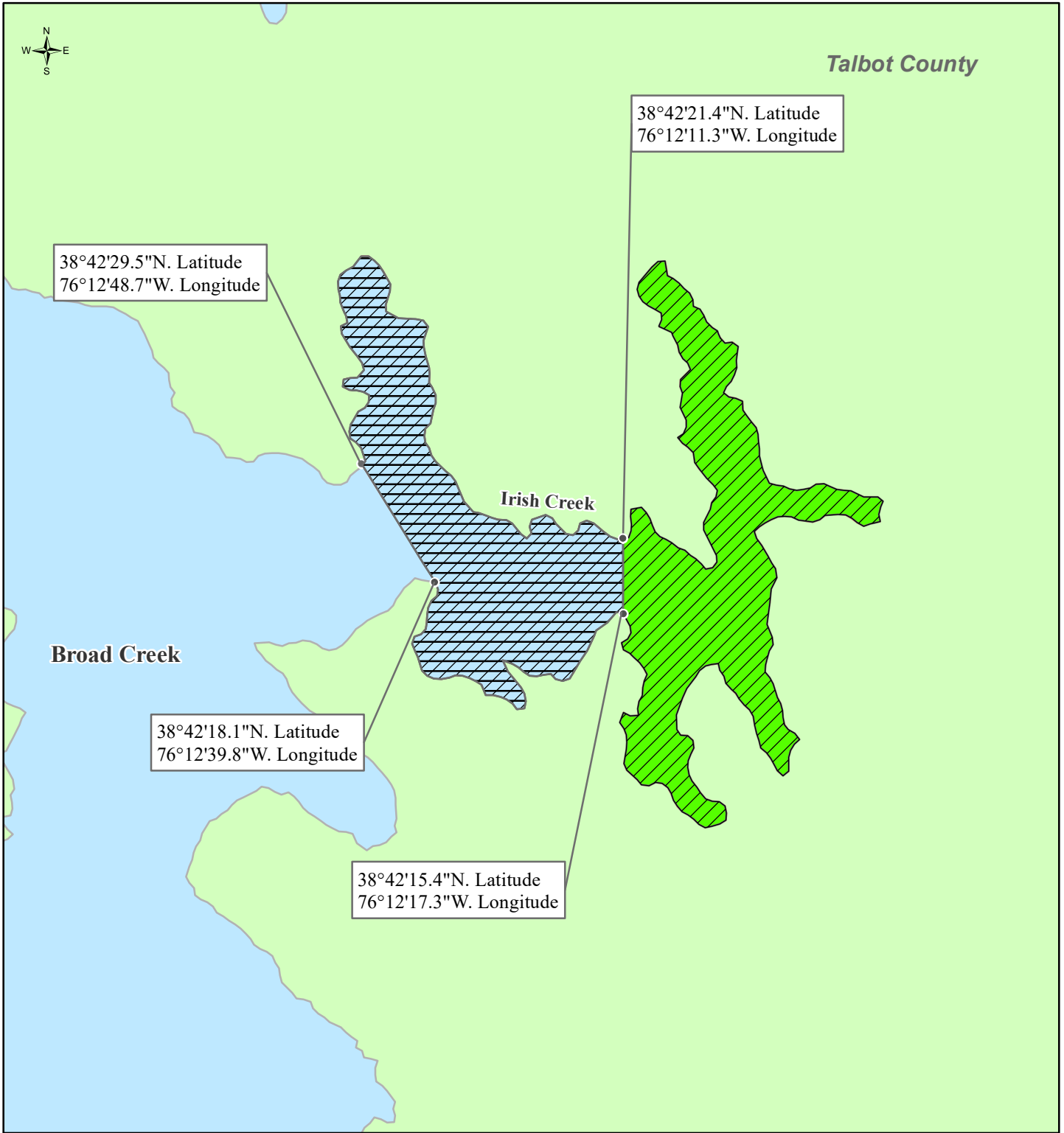
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D Lee Currey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

D. Lee Currey, Director
Water and Science Administration





Attachment
cc: (see attached list)

Notice of Changes to Shellfish Waters



0 0.2 0.4 Miles

Irish Creek and Haskins Cove, Talbot County
Prohibited Shellfish Area Map 16B
January 2024

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



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