



August 16, 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 is polluted to the extent that shellfish produced, stored caught, or relayed are a hazard to public health. Therefore, pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, Natural Resources Article § 4-742, MDE hereby reclassifies the area described below as prohibited for any production, storage, catching, or relaying of shellfish **effective August 26, 2024**.

Island Creek, St. Mary's County (4aM)

All of the waters upstream of a line extending in a southeasterly direction across the mouth of Island Creek from a point of land (38°06'33.0" North Latitude, 76°28'01.0" West Longitude) on the North entrance of Island Creek to a point of land (38°06'31.0" North Latitude, 76°27'59.0" West Longitude) on the South entrance of Island Creek.

A map of this area is attached.

Sincerely,

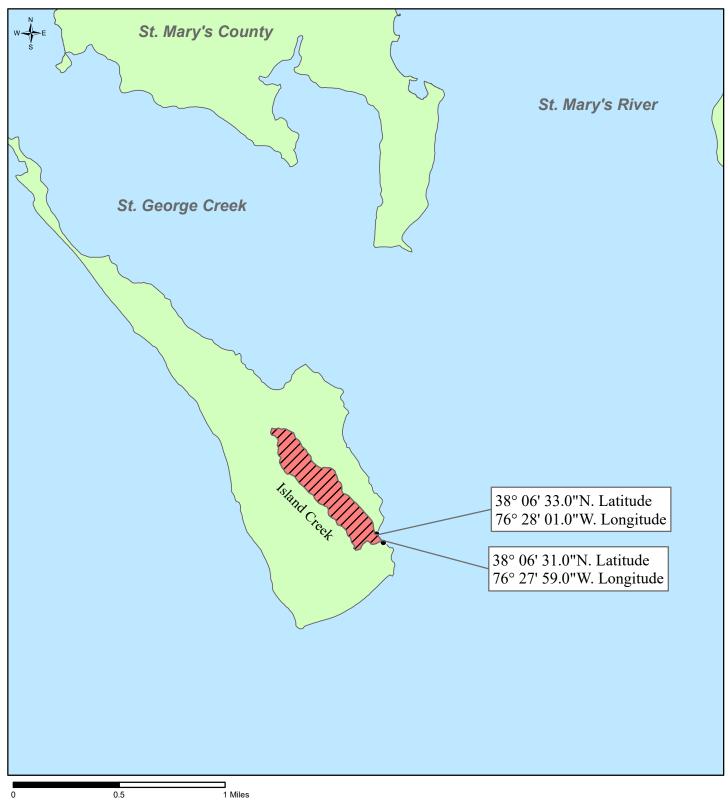
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Attachment

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Notice of Changes to Shellfish Waters



Island Creek, St. Mary's County Prohibited Shellfish Area Map 4aM August 2024



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