



# Maryland

## Department of the Environment

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April 11, 2025

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 April 28, 2025**. Please note that this reclassification does not change the Department of Natural Resources designation of the area described as an oyster sanctuary.

### **Little Choptank River, Dorchester County (39B2)**

All of the waters of the Little Choptank upstream of a line extending in a northwesterly direction from a point of land (38° 33' 13.4" North Latitude, 76° 11' 32.5" West Longitude) on the south side of the Little Choptank River to a point of land (38° 33' 41.3" North Latitude, 76° 11' 46.3" West Longitude) on the opposite shore, and west of a line extending in a southerly direction across the mouth of Pomeroy Cove from a point of land (38°33'37.3" North Latitude, 76°10'27.5" West Longitude) on the north shore of Pomeroy Cove to a point of land (38°33'33.0" North Latitude, 76°10'28.7" West Longitude) on the opposite shore, and north of a line extending in a westerly direction across the mouth of Smith Cove from a point of land (38°33'23.1" North Latitude, 76°10'48.2" West Longitude) on the eastern shore of Smith Cove to a point of land (38°33'24.1" North Latitude, 76°11'00.5" West Longitude) on the opposite shore, and downstream of a line extending from a point of land (38°34'01.3" North Latitude, 76°10'50.2" West Longitude) on the western side of the Little Choptank River to a point of land (38°33'53.7" North Latitude, 76°10'34.7" West Longitude) on the opposite shore.

### **Fishing Creek, Little Choptank River, Dorchester County (39A)**

All of the waters of Fishing Creek upstream of a line extending in an easterly direction from a point of land (38°32'02.2" North Latitude, 76°12'59.0" West Longitude) on the western shore of Fishing Creek to a point of land (38°32'11.6" North Latitude, 76°12'24.2" West Longitude) on the eastern shore of Fishing Creek, and downstream of a line extending in a southwesterly direction from a point of land (38°31'47.8" North Latitude, 76°10'42.6" West Longitude) near Church Creek to a point of land (38°31'37.9" North Latitude, 76°10'50.4" West Longitude) on the opposite shore.

The following areas will remain restricted to shellfish harvesting:

**Gary and Lee Creeks, Little Choptank River, Dorchester County (39B1)**

All of the waters of the Little Choptank River upstream of a line extending from a point of land (38°34'01.3" North Latitude, 76°10'50.2" West Longitude) on the western side of the Little Choptank River to a point of land (38°33'53.7" North Latitude, 76°10'34.7" West Longitude) on the opposite shore.

Effective Date: September 28, 2020

Continued Date: April 28, 2025

**Fishing Creek and Church Creek, Little Choptank River, Dorchester County (39G)**

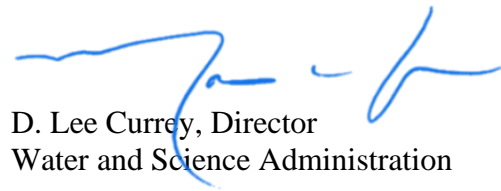
All of the waters of Fishing and Church Creeks upstream of a line extending in a southwesterly direction from a point of land (38°31'47.8" North Latitude, 76°10'42.6" West Longitude) to a point of land (38°31'37.9" North Latitude, 76°10'50.4" West Longitude) on the opposite shore of Fishing Creek.

Effective Date: November 29, 1969

Continued Date: November 20, 2017, and April 28, 2025

Maps of these areas are attached.

Sincerely,

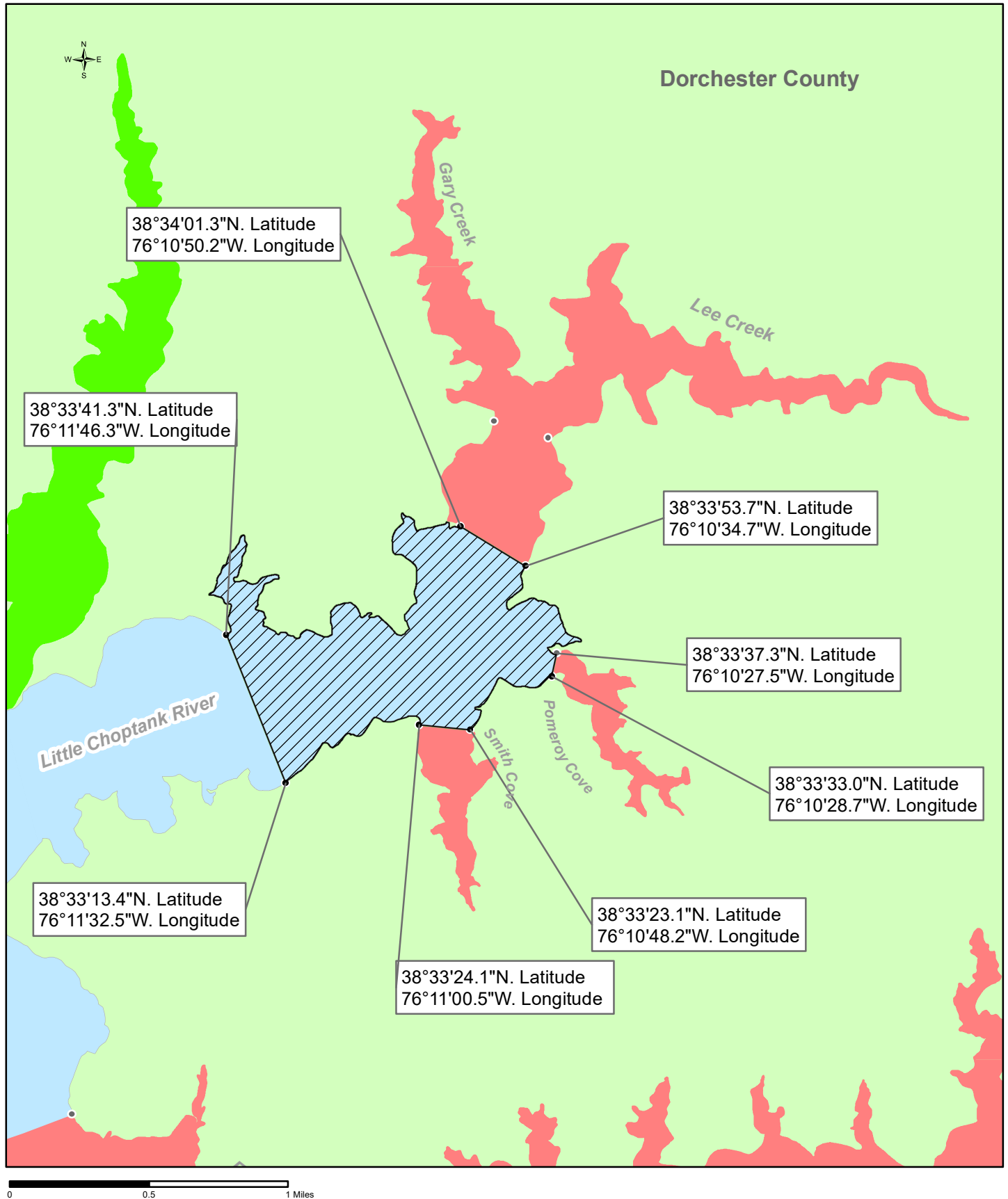


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Attachment

cc: (see attached list)

# Notice of Changes to Shellfish Waters



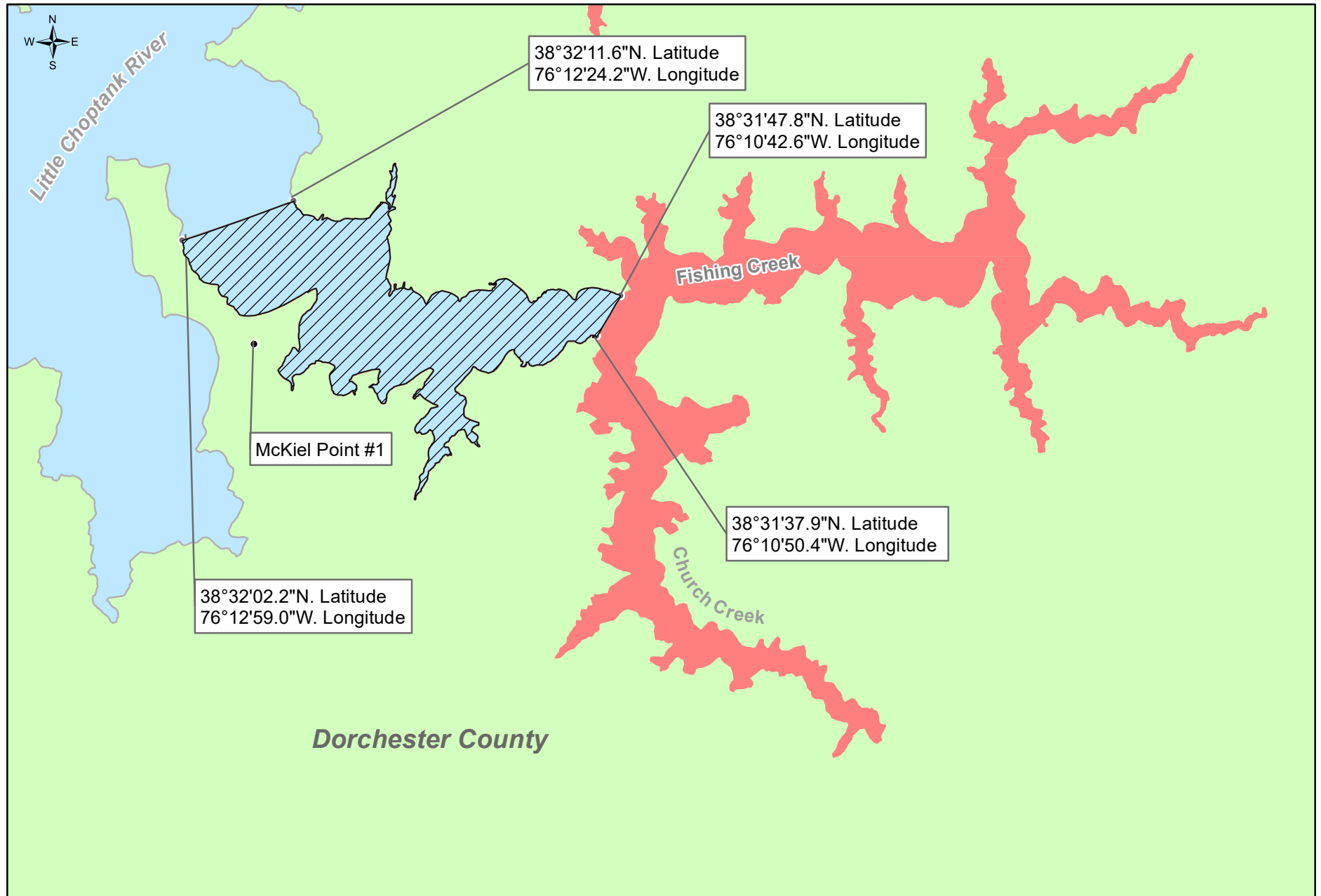
Little Choptank River, Dorchester County  
Prohibited Shellfish Area Map 39B2  
April 2025

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

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# Notice of Changes to Shellfish Waters



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Fishing Creek, Little Choptank River, Dorchester County  
Prohibited Shellfish Area Map 39A  
April 2025

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