



March 1, 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 March 25, 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>).

### **Nanticoke River, Dorchester County and Wicomico County (32B)**

All of the waters of the Nanticoke River upstream of a line extending in a northwesterly direction from a point of land (38°18'37.9" North Latitude, 75°53'33.1" West Longitude) on the eastern shore of the Nanticoke River to a point of land (38°19'25.1" North Latitude, 75°55'22.8" West Longitude) on the opposite shore, and all of the waters of the Nanticoke River downstream of a line extending in a northwesterly direction from a point of land (38°19'03.9" North Latitude, 75°53'18.7" West Longitude) on the eastern shore of the Nanticoke River to a point of land (38°19'55.6" North Latitude, 75°54'49.7" West Longitude) on the opposite shore.

The following area will remain restricted:

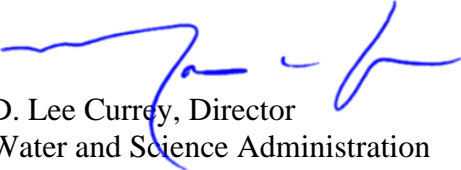
**Nanticoke River, Dorchester County and Wicomico County (32A)**

All the waters of the Nanticoke River upstream of a line extending in a northwesterly direction from a point of land (38°19'03.9" North Latitude, 75°53'18.7" West Longitude) on the eastern shore of the Nanticoke River to a point of land (38°19'55.6" North Latitude, 75°54'49.7" West Longitude) on the opposite shore.

Effective Date: May 11, 1992, June 26, 2000, July 8, 2013, March 2, 2015  
Continued Date: June 1, 2015, March 25, 2023

Maps of these areas are attached.

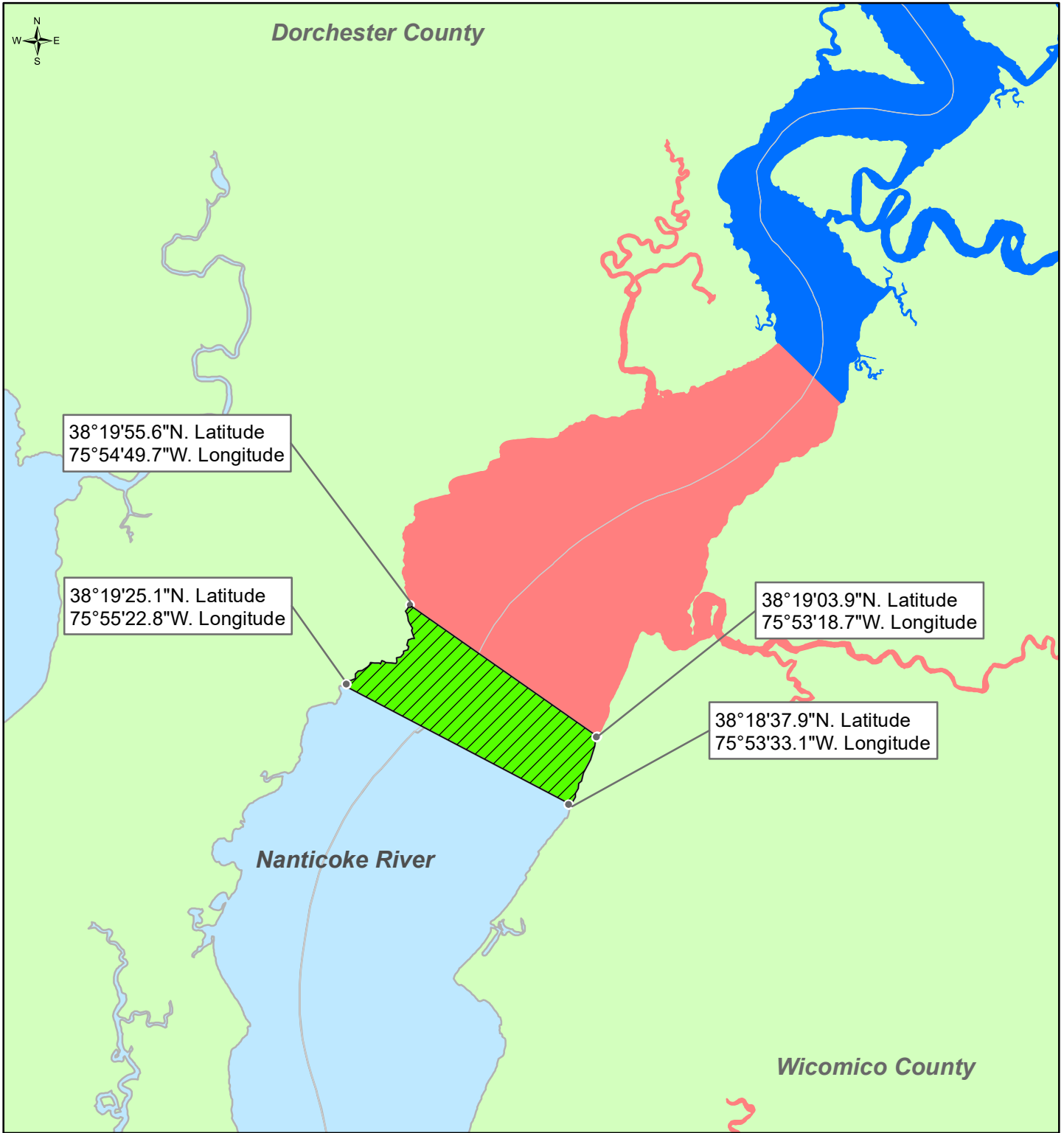
Sincerely,







D. Lee Currey, Director  
Water and Science Administration

Attachment  
cc: (see attached list)

Notice of Changes to Shellfish Waters



Nanticoke River, Dorchester and Wicomico Counties  
Prohibited Shellfish Area Map 32A & 32B  
March 2024

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



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