



Maryland

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June 4, 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 approved shellfish harvesting. 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 June 16, 2025**. Please note that this reclassification does not change the Department of Natural Resources designation of the area described as an oyster sanctuary.

Battle Creek, Patuxent River, Calvert County (40F)

All of the waters of Battle Creek upstream of a line running in a southeasterly direction from a point of land (38° 26' 50.3" North Latitude, 76° 36' 34.1" West Longitude) on the western shore of Battle Creek to a point of land (38° 26' 06.7" North Latitude, 76° 36' 09.5" West Longitude) on the opposite shore of Battle Creek, and downstream of a line running in a southeasterly direction from a point of land (38° 27' 00.6" North Latitude, 76° 36' 07.8" West Longitude) on the western shore of Battle Creek to a point of land (38° 26' 53.7" North Latitude, 76° 35' 58.8" West Longitude) on the south shore entrance of Wells Cove extending in a northeasterly direction to a point of land (38° 26' 54.2" North Latitude, 76° 35' 57.0" West Longitude) on the north shore entrance of Wells Cove.

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 June 16, 2025**. Please note that this reclassification does not change the Department of Natural Resources designation of the area described as an oyster sanctuary.

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 open 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>).

Patuxent River, Charles, Prince George's, and Calvert Counties (40K)

All the waters of the Patuxent River upstream of a line extending in a northwesterly direction from a point of land line (38°30'38.7" North Latitude, 76°39'52.4" West Longitude) on the eastern side of the Route 231 Bridge to a point of land (38°30'53.1" North Latitude, 76°40'27.2" West Longitude) on the western side of the Route 231 Bridge on the opposite shore of the Patuxent River, and downstream of a line extending in a southwesterly direction from a point of land (38°32'19.5" North Latitude, 76°40'07.3" West Longitude) at God's Grace Point on the eastern side of the Patuxent River to a point of land (38°31'47.7" North Latitude, 76°40'38.5" West Longitude) on the opposite shore of the Patuxent River.

The following areas will remain restricted to shellfish harvesting:

Patuxent River, Charles County and Calvert County (40K)

All the waters of the Patuxent River upstream of a line extending in a southwesterly direction from a point of land (38°32'19.5" North Latitude, 76°40'07.3" West Longitude) at God's Grace Point on the eastern side of the Patuxent River to a point of land (38°31'47.7" North Latitude, 76°40'38.5" West Longitude) on the opposite shore of the Patuxent River.

Effective Date: March 6, 1977

Continued Date: May 11, 1992, August 15, 2022, and June 16, 2025

Battle Creek, Patuxent River, Calvert County (40F)

All of the waters of Battle Creek upstream of a line running in a southeasterly direction from a point of land (38° 27' 00.6" North Latitude, 76° 36' 07.8" West Longitude) on the western shore of Battle Creek to a point of land (38° 26' 53.7" North Latitude, 76° 35' 58.8" West Longitude) on the south shore entrance of Wells Cove extending in a northeasterly direction to a point of land (38° 26' 54.2" North Latitude, 76° 35' 57.0" West Longitude) on the north shore entrance of Wells Cove.

Effective Date: March 6, 1977

Continued Date: May 11, 1992, June 1, 2009, October 15, 2012, September 10, 2018, August 15, 2022, and June 16, 2025

Wells Cove, Battle Creek, Patuxent River, Calvert County (40F2)

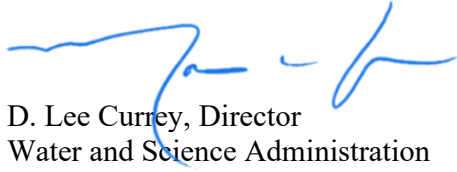
All the waters of Wells Cove upstream of a line running in a northeasterly direction from a point of land (38° 26' 53.7" North Latitude, 76° 35' 58.8" West Longitude) on the south shore entrance of Wells Cove to a point of land (38° 26' 54.2" North Latitude, 76° 35' 57.0" West Longitude) on the north shore of Wells Cove.

Effective Date: August 9, 2010

Continued Date: August 15, 2022 and June 16, 2025

A map of this area is attached.

Sincerely,

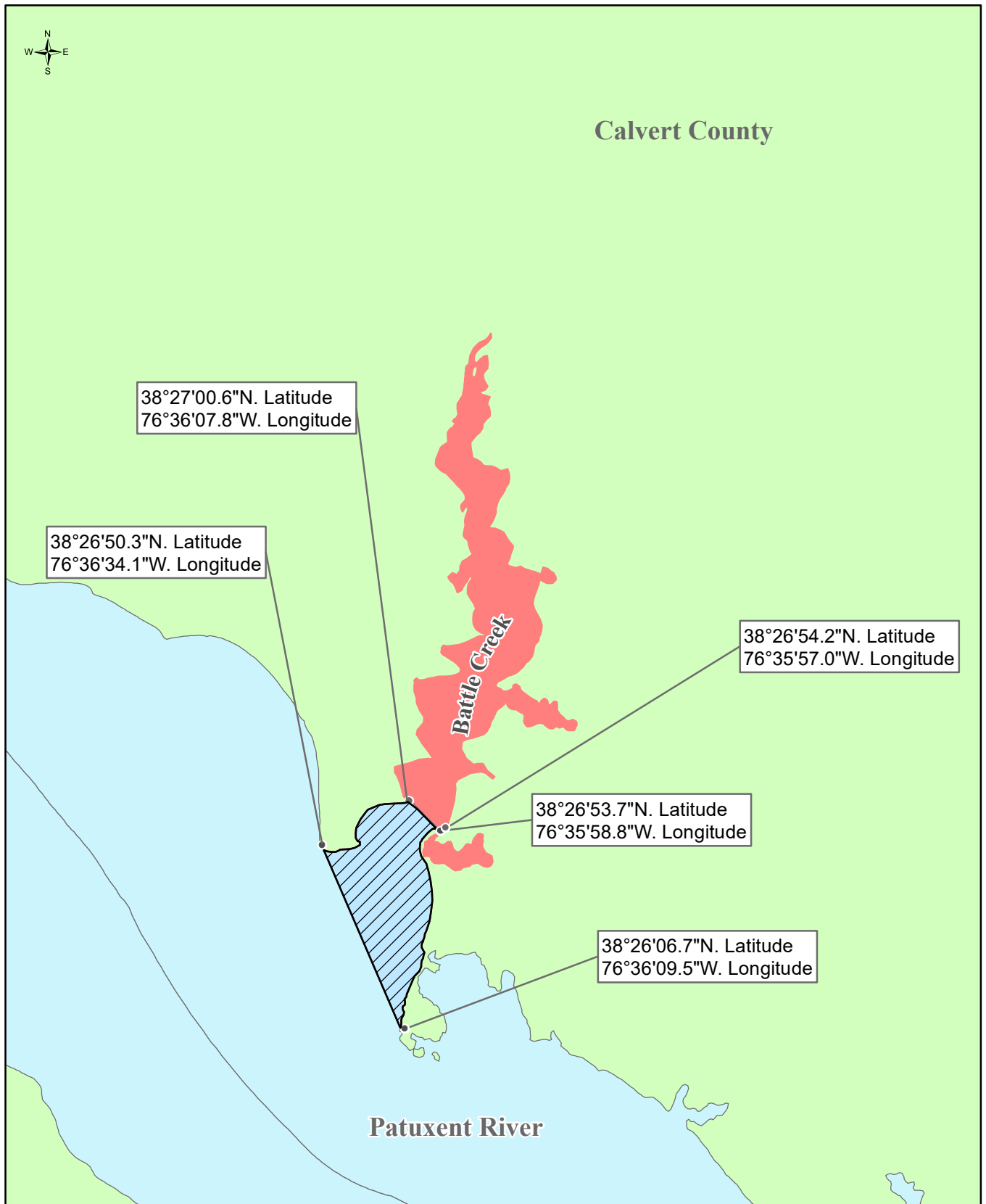


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Attachment
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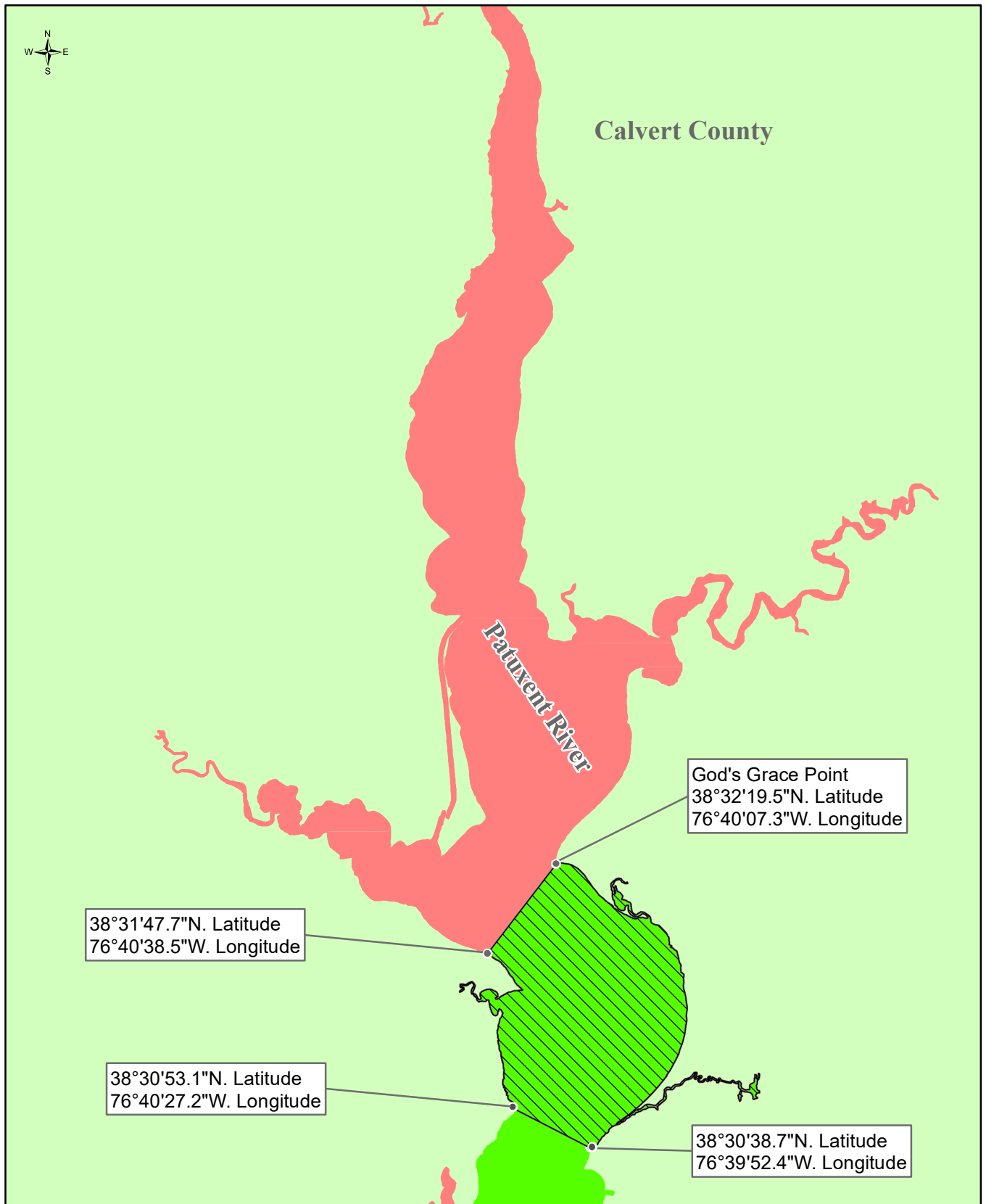


Battle Creek, Patuxent River, Calvert County
Prohibited Shellfish Area Map 40F
June 2025

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Patuxent River, Prince George's, Charles, and Calvert Counties
Prohibited Shellfish Area Map 40k
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