



January 19, 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 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 February 5, 2024.**

North Prong, St. Jerome Creek, St. Mary's County (47Ab)

All of the waters of the North Prong, upstream of a line at a point on the west side of the prong (38°07'04.5" North Latitude, 76°21'20.9" West Longitude) running in a south easterly direction to a point on the east side of the prong (38°06'58.9" North Latitude, 76°21'11.5" West Longitude).

Mainstem, St. Jerome Creek, St. Mary's County (47Ad)

All of the waters of St. Jerome Creek upstream of a line at a point on the corner of a concrete and rock bulkhead on the west side of St. Jerome Creek (38°08'01.8" North Latitude, 76°20'59.3" West Longitude) running in a south easterly direction to a point on the east side of St. Jerome Creek (38°07'57.1" North Latitude, 76°20'43.8" West Longitude).

Malone Bay, St. Jerome Creek, St. Mary's County (47Ae)

All of the waters of Malone Bay upstream of a line at a point on the western shore of Malone Bay (38°07'36.7" North Latitude, 76°20'26.7" West Longitude) running in a southeasterly direction to a point on the east side of Malone Bay (38°07'32.2" North Latitude, 76°20'14.7" West Longitude).

The following area will remain restricted:

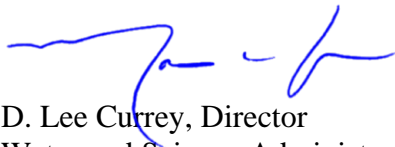
South Prong, St. Jerome Creek, St. Mary's County (47Aa)

All of the waters of the South Prong south of a line on the west side of the prong (38°07'7.9" North Latitude, 76°20'38.8" West Longitude) running in a north easterly direction to a point on the east side of the prong (38°07'9.0" North Latitude, 76°20'31.0" West Longitude).

Effective Date: September 18, 2006
Continued Date: June 1, 2009

Maps of these areas are attached.

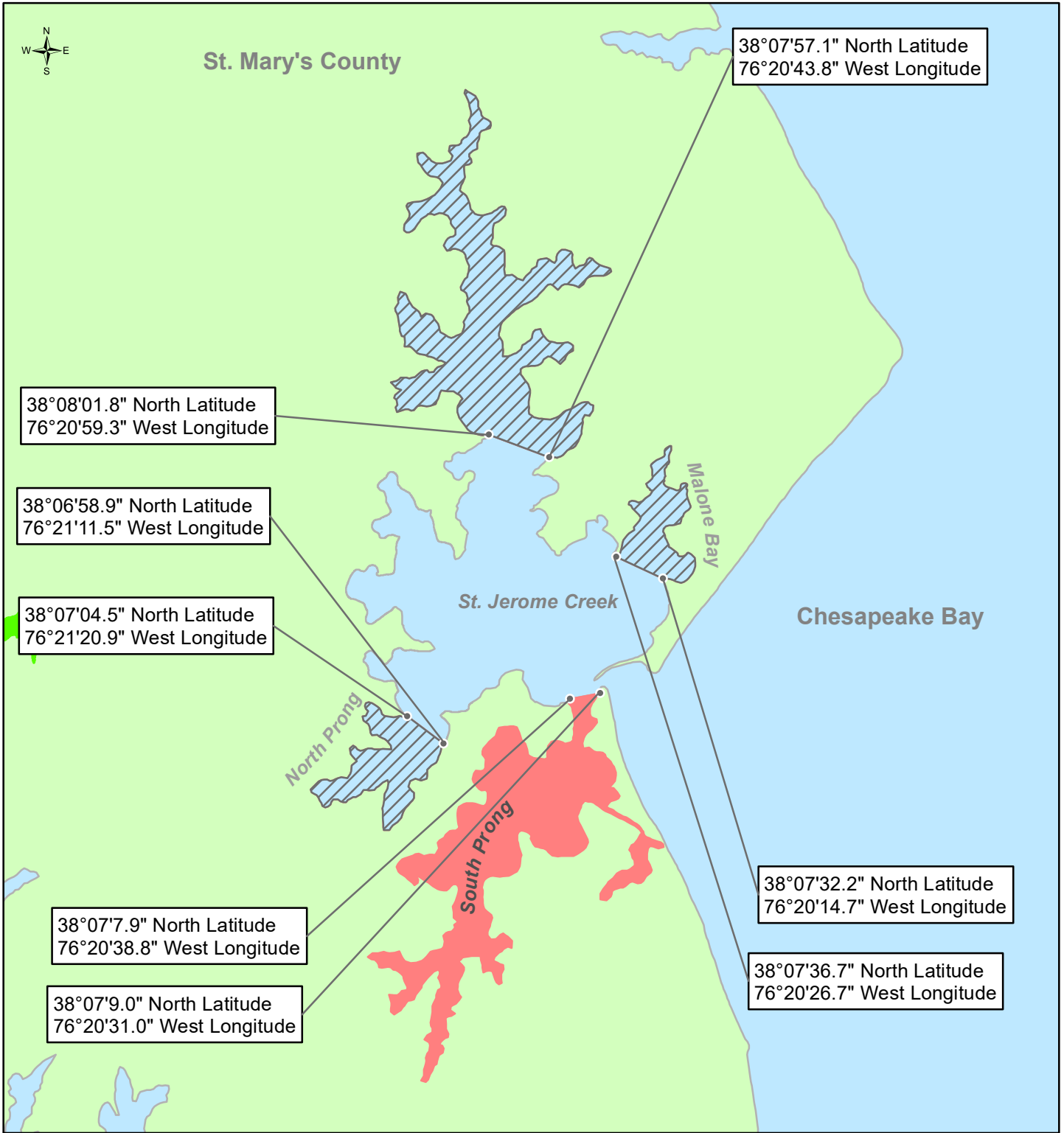
Sincerely,



D. Lee Currey, Director
Water and Science Administration

Attachment
cc: (see attached list)

Notice of Changes to Shellfish Waters



North Prong, Mainstem, and Malone Bay, St. Jerome Creek, Chesapeake Bay, St. Mary's County
 Prohibited Shellfish Area Maps 47Ab, 47Ad, 47Ae
 February 2024

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



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