



# 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.

### **Wye Narrows, Queen Anne's and Talbot Counties**

All of the waters of the Wye Narrows upstream of a line running in a northwesterly direction in the Wye Narrows from Grapevine Point (38° 54' 04.5" North Latitude, 76° 10' 03.9" West Longitude) to a point of land (38° 54' 27.5" North Latitude, 76° 10' 19.6" West Longitude) on the western shore of the Wye River then running in a easterly direction to a point of land (38° 54' 29.9" North Latitude, 76° 09' 50.8" West Longitude) on the opposite shore, and all of the waters downstream of a line running in a southerly direction from a point of land (38° 54' 32.4" North Latitude, 76° 07' 56.7" West Longitude) on the north shore, to a point of land on the opposite shore (38° 54' 25.5" North Latitude, 76° 07' 57.7" West Longitude).

### **Wye East River, Queen Anne's County and Talbot County**

All the waters of the Wye East River upstream of a line straight across from a point on the south shore of a cove on the west side of the Wye East River (38°52'24.5" North Latitude, 76°10'07.0" West Longitude) to a point on the east side of the Wye East River (38°52'23.5" North Latitude, 76°09'49.4" West Longitude) and downstream of a line running in a southeasterly direction near the east entrance to Dividing Creek (38°52'59.5" North Latitude, 76°09'11.5" West Longitude) to a point of land (38°52'54.1" North Latitude, 76°08'57.5" West Longitude) on the opposite shore.

The following areas will remain restricted to shellfish harvesting:

**Wye River, Queen Anne's County (38A1)**

All of the waters of the Wye East River upstream of a line extending from a point of land (38° 52' 54.1" North Latitude, 76° 08' 57.5" West Longitude) on the south shore, to a point of land on the opposite shore (38° 52' 59.5" North Latitude, 76° 09' 11.5" West Longitude), and all of the waters of the Wye River east of a line in Wye Narrows running in a southerly direction from a point of land (38° 54' 32.4" North Latitude, 76° 07' 56.7" West Longitude) on the north shore, to a point of land on the opposite shore (38° 54' 25.5" North Latitude, 76° 07' 57.7" West Longitude).

Effective Date: September 28, 1998

Continued Date: December 20, 1999, February 25, 2008, December 21, 2009, June 11, 2012, September 25, 2017, December 5, 2022, and April 28, 2025

**Wye Narrows and Wye East River, Queen Anne's County and Talbot County (38A)**

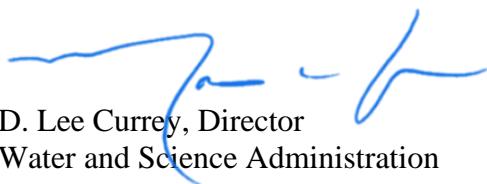
All of the waters in the Wye River upstream of a line running in an easterly direction from a point of land (38° 54' 27.5" North Latitude, 76° 10' 19.6" West Longitude) on the western shore, to a point of land on the opposite shore (38° 54' 29.9" North Latitude, 76° 09' 50.8" West Longitude).

Effective Date: June 11, 2012

Continued Date: September 25, 2017, December 5, 2022, and April 28, 2025

Maps of these areas are attached.

Sincerely,

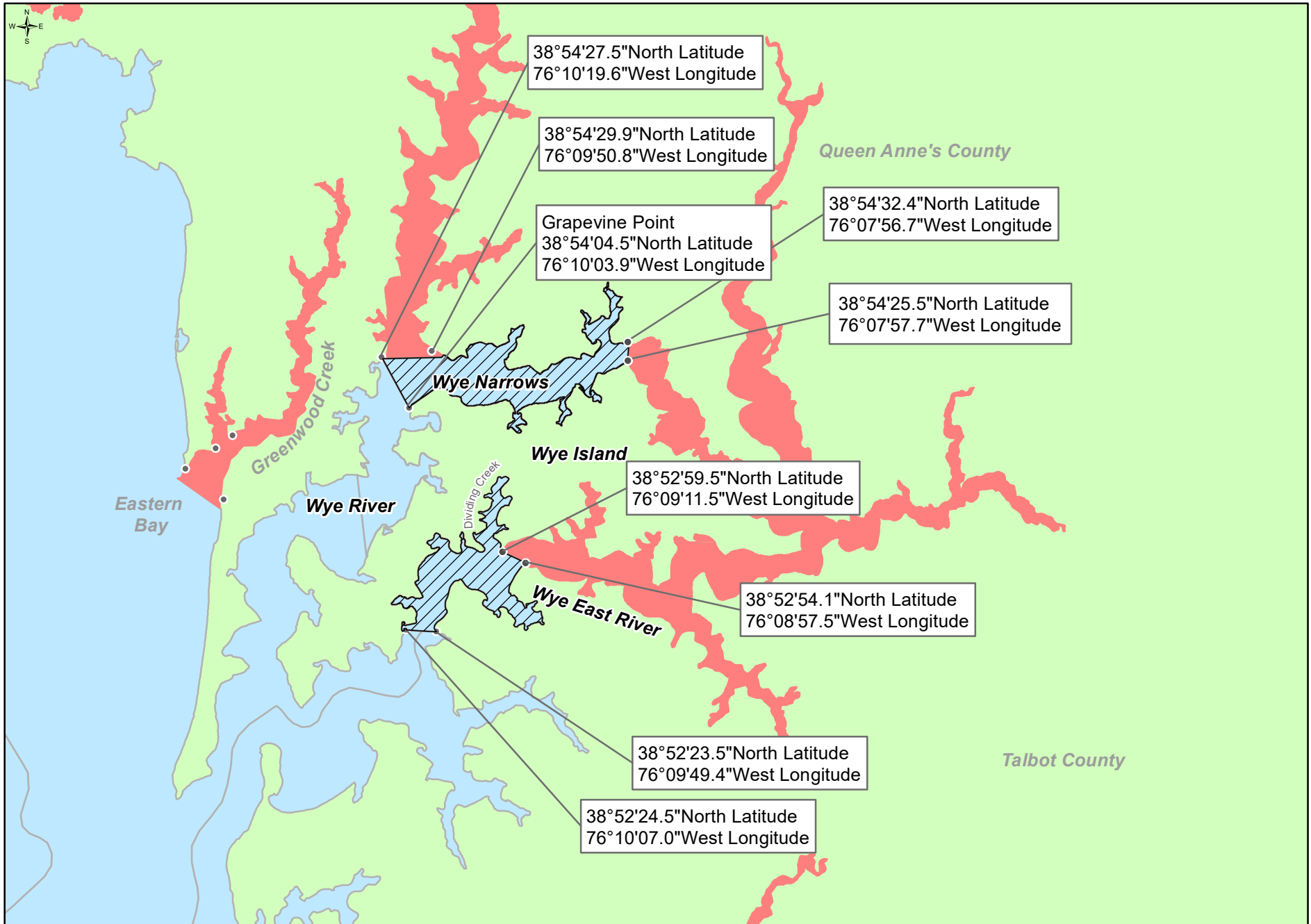


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Attachment

cc: (see attached list)

Notice of Changes to Shellfish Waters



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

Wye Narrows and Wye East River, Queen Anne's County and Talbot County  
Prohibited Shellfish Area Map 38A  
April 2025



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