PUBLIC NOTICE
The Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Fishing and Boating Services
Oyster Harvest Reserve Area Opening — Effective 12/21/2017

The Secretary of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR), pursuant to Natural Resources Article §4-1009.1 of the Maryland Annotated Code and the Code of Maryland Regulations 08.02.04.14, announces that the oyster harvest reserve area described below will be open for harvest effective only under the conditions set forth below. Buoys will mark the open area described below. This opening was requested by the County oyster committee.

Harvesting conditions: Open Monday through Friday, December 21, 2017 through March 30, 2018 from sunrise until 3pm; 3” minimum cull size; 15 bushel daily limit per license not to exceed 30 bushels per boat (oyster surcharge fee must be paid for each harvester); cultch consisting of shells, stones, gravel and slag must be returned to the bar; only the gear that is specified in parenthesis for the area may be used; oysters must be measured, tagged and sold in accordance with COMAR 08.02.04.

For any questions or comments contact Eric Campbell, Shellfish Division at 410-260-8261.

Tangier Sound – Somerset County

Evans Oyster Harvest Reserve Area (PSFA 173 (NOB 29-1) Hand Tong, Patent Tong and Diver only). The reserve consists of all of the waters of Tangier Sound enclosed by a line beginning at a point defined by Lat. 38°12.347’ N, Long. 75°54.217’ W, then running 316° True to a point at or near Lat. 38°12.685’ N, Long. 75°54.627’ W, then running 80° True to a point at or near Lat. 38°12.781’ N, Long. 75°53.945’ W, then running 74° True to a point at or near Lat. 38°12.829’ N, Long. 75°53.731’ W, then running 106° True to a point at or near Lat. 38°12.708’ N, Long. 75°53.180’ W, then running 228° True to a point at or near Lat. 38°12.401’ N, Long. 75°53.608’ W, then running 264° True to the point of beginning.

Mark Belton
Secretary of Natural Resources