

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Fishing and Boating Services
*Opening of Joes Lumps and Wicomico Lumps Oyster Bars (Charles County) — Effective
2/3/2025*

WHAT THIS NOTICE DOES

The Secretary of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources announces that effective at 12:01 a.m., February 3, 2025, portions of Joes Lumps and Wicomico Lumps oyster bars in Charles County are open to all shellfish harvest. This notice supersedes all previous public notices opening or closing the described areas.

AREAS OPENED

Joes Lumps

All the waters of Wicomico River enclosed by a line beginning at a point defined by Lat. 38°19.406' N, Long. 76°51.010' W; then running 0° True to a point defined by Lat. 38°19.505' N, Long. 76°51.010' W; then running 135° True to a point defined by Lat. 38°19.406' N, Long. 76°50.885' W; then running 270° True to the point of beginning.

Wicomico Lumps

All the waters of Wicomico River enclosed by a line beginning at a point defined by Lat. 38°20.443' N, Long. 76°51.716' W; then running 0° True to a point defined by Lat. 38°20.546' N, Long. 76°51.716' W; then running 90° True to a point defined by Lat. 38°20.546' N, Long. 76°51.586' W; then running 180° True to a point defined by Lat. 38°20.443' N, Long. 76°51.586' W; then running 270° True to the point of beginning.

SPECIAL HARVEST CONDITIONS

The following rules supersede the recreational and commercial harvest days and the commercial catch limits established by the public notices effective July 3, 2024, titled “[2024-2025 Commercial Oyster Rules — Effective 7/3/2024](#)” and “[2024-2025 Recreational Oyster Rules — Effective 7/3/2024](#)”.

- Recreational harvesters may only harvest from these areas on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday.
- Commercial
 - Catch Limit: A licensee who harvests from either of these areas may harvest up to 8 bushels per licensee per day, not to exceed 16 bushels per boat per day.
 - Open Days: An individual may catch oysters for commercial purposes from these areas only on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday.

PURPOSE OF THIS NOTICE

This area is being opened to allow the harvest of market-sized oysters. This opening was requested by the Charles County Oyster Committee. Based on Department survey work, there are enough market-sized oysters to support this opening.

WHO THIS NOTICE AFFECTS

This opening applies to all individuals who catch oysters or clams recreationally or commercially.

AUTHORITY

Code of Maryland Regulations 08.02.04.11G

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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