

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**The Maryland Department of Natural Resources**  
**Fishing and Boating Services**  
*Opening of Wicomico River — Bramleigh Creek Oyster Harvest Reserve Area (St. Mary's County) — Effective 10/25/2021*

**WHAT THIS NOTICE DOES**

The Secretary of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources announces that the Bramleigh Creek Oyster Harvest Reserve Area in the Wicomico River (St. Mary's County) is open to oyster harvest under the conditions in this notice.

**AREA OPENED**

Wicomico River — Bramleigh Creek Reserve. The reserve consists of all of the area of the Wicomico River enclosed by a line beginning at a point at or near Lat. 38°17.439' N, Long. 76°49.693' W; then running 326° True to a point, at or near Lat. 38°17.937' N, Long. 76°50.116' W; then running 346° True to a point, at or near Lat. 38°18.395' N, Long. 76°50.256' W; then running 66° True to a point, at or near Lat. 38°18.499' N, Long. 76°49.960' W; then running 129° True to a point, at or near Lat. 38°18.277' N, Long. 76°49.611' W; then running 166° True to a point, at or near Lat. 38°17.831' N, Long. 76° 49.475' W; then running 204° True to the point of beginning.

**HARVEST CONDITIONS**

All harvesters must follow all harvest rules established under Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) [08.02.04 Oysters](#) and [08.02.08 Shellfish—General](#) and Maryland Annotated Code Title 4. Commercial harvesters must also follow the conditions outlined in the public notice titled "[2021-2022 Commercial Oyster Rules — Effective 7/4/2021](#)". Recreational harvesters must also follow the conditions outlined in the public notice "[2021-2022 Recreational Oyster Rules — Effective 7/4/2021](#)".

**PURPOSE OF THIS NOTICE**

This area is being opened to allow the harvest of market sized oysters. Based on the biological criteria outlined at Natural Resources Article, 4-1009.1, Annotated Code of Maryland (growth rates, disease prevalence and intensity, mortality thresholds, and biomass thresholds), this opening is appropriate. This opening was requested by the St. Mary's County Oyster Committee.

**WHO THIS NOTICE AFFECTS**

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

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

This notice is effective at sunrise on October 25, 2021.

**AUTHORITY**

Code of Maryland Regulations 08.02.04.14

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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