

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**The Maryland Department of Natural Resources**  
**Fishing and Boating Services**  
**Closure of Middle Ground Oyster Bar (Charles County) — Effective 10/4/2019**

**WHAT THIS NOTICE DOES**

The Secretary of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources announces that a portion of Middle Ground oyster bar in Charles County is closed to all shellfish harvest. This notice supersedes all previous public notices opening or closing the described area.

**AREA CLOSED**

Middle Ground (PSFA 136 (NOB 20-3): Wicomico River (West))

The portion of Middle Ground being closed is: All of the waters of the Wicomico River (West) enclosed by a line beginning at a point defined by Lat. 38°17.673' N, Long. 76°50.397' W, then running 302° True to a point defined by Lat. 38°17.718' N, Long. 76°50.487' W, then running 51° True to a point defined by Lat. 38°17.881' N, Long. 76°50.233' W, then running 169° True to a point defined by Lat. 38°17.779' N, Long. 76°50.208' W, then running 235° True to the point of beginning.

**PURPOSE OF THIS CLOSURE**

This closure is necessary to protect seed planted by the Charles County Oyster Committee on this site until the site is suitable for reopening. This closure was requested by the Charles County Oyster Committee.

**WHO THIS NOTICE AFFECTS**

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

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

The closure is effective at 12:01 a.m. October 4, 2019. The area is closed until further notice. A new notice will be issued when the area is reopened to harvest.

**AUTHORITY**

Code of Maryland Regulations 08.02.04.11G

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Fishing and Boating Services at 410-260-8302.

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