

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Fishing and Boating Services
Partial Closure of Public Shellfish Fishery Area 136 — Effective 9/29/2017

The Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources, pursuant to the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 08.02.04.11E, announces that a section of Public Shellfish Fishery Area (PSFA) 136 will be closed to all shellfish harvest effective September 29, 2017. The closure was requested by the Charles County oyster committee to protect seed planted by the county until the site is suitable for reopening. The closed area is described below and will be marked by buoys. PSFAs are described in "Public Shellfish Fishery Areas of the Chesapeake Bay and Its Tidal Tributaries (June 2012)", which is incorporated by reference in COMAR 08.02.04.17.

For any questions or comments contact Frank Marengi, Shellfish Division, at 410-260-8302.

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

The section of PSFA 136 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.

The public notice titled Kent and Charles County Public Shellfish Fishery Area Closures, published September 16, 2016, that closed a different portion of PSFA 136, is still in effect.

Mark Belton
Secretary of Natural Resources