

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Fishing and Boating Services
Closure of Pocomoke Sound (Somerset County) to Oyster Harvest — Effective 10/1/2021

WHAT THIS NOTICE DOES

The Secretary of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources announces that Pocomoke Sound in Somerset County is closed to all oyster harvest through and including January 31, 2022.

AREA CLOSED

All of the waters of Pocomoke Sound as defined at COMAR 08.02.01.06B(5).

PURPOSE OF THIS CLOSURE

This closure is necessary due to concerns about small oysters and slow growth of the oysters in the specified area. By delaying the opening of this area, smaller oysters will be given additional time to reach market size. This closure was requested by the Somerset County Oyster Committee.

WHO THIS NOTICE AFFECTS

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

EFFECTIVE DATE

This notice is effective at 12:01 a.m. October 1, 2021. The area will reopen on February 1, 2022 with no further notice. Upon opening, harvesters must follow the rules established by the public notices effective July 4, 2021 titled “[2021-2022 Commercial Oyster Rules — Effective 7/4/2021](#)” and “[2021-2022 Recreational Oyster Rules — Effective 7/4/2021](#)”.

AUTHORITY

Code of Maryland Regulations 08.02.04.11G

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