

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Fishing and Boating Services
Closure of West and Rhode Rivers (Anne Arundel County) to Oyster Harvest — Effective
10/1/2020

WHAT THIS NOTICE DOES

The Secretary of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources announces that the West and Rhode Rivers (Anne Arundel County) are closed to oyster harvest.

AREA CLOSED

All the waters west of a line beginning from a point at or near Curtis Point, defined by Lat. 38°51.19' N and Long. 76°29.83' W; then running approximately 330° True to a point at or near Dutchman Point, defined by Lat. 38°52.19' N and Long. 76°30.57' W.

PURPOSE OF THIS CLOSURE

The purpose of this closure is to protect the low abundance of oysters remaining on public oyster bottom in this area. This closure was requested by the Anne Arundel 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, 2020. The area is closed until further notice. A new notice will be issued if the area is reopened to harvest.

AUTHORITY

Code of Maryland Regulations 08.02.04.11G

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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