

SUBMERGED AQUATIC VEGETATION — Housekeeping

What is being considered?

The department needs to make corrections in certain submerged aquatic vegetation protection zones. Amendments to the zones became effective June 2020. Maps of the areas are being created so that you can have a visual description of each area rather than just the coordinates. During the mapping process, errors or points needing clarification were found within the text. The issues are noted below, but others will be included if discovered during the mapping process.

1) Talbot County — Miles River and Porter Creek — [COMAR 08.02.01.12](#)

Section B(3)(e) — The coordinate that is bolded and underlined below should be Lat. 38°48.868' N not Lat. 38°14.868' N.

All of the waters of Miles River and Porter Creek enclosed by a line beginning at a point on the western shore of Hambleton Point defined by Lat. 38°49.215' N, Long. 76°14.103' W; ...then running approximately 263° True to a point defined by Lat. 38°48.893' N, Long. 76°14.435' W; then running approximately 174° True to a point at or near the shore defined by **Lat. 38°14.868' N**, Long. 76°14.431' W; then running northeasterly along the shore to the point of beginning.

2) Talbot County — Miles River, Tilghman Creek, and Porter Creek — [COMAR 08.02.01.12](#)

Section B(3)(f).

a) The first coordinate bolded and underlined below should be Lat. 38°49.244' N not Lat. 39°49.244' N.

b) The second set of coordinates that are bolded and underlined below are duplicative and will be removed.

All of the waters of Miles River, Tilghman Creek, and Porter Creek enclosed by a line beginning at a point defined by Lat. 38°49.056' N, Long. 76°14.734' W; then running approximately 141° True to a point defined by Lat. 38°49.011' N, Long. 76°14.684' W; then running approximately 64° True to a point defined by Lat. 38°49.070' N, Long. 76°14.533' W; then running approximately 351° True to a point defined by Lat. 38°49.164' N, Long. 76°14.553' W; then running approximately 333° True to a point defined by **Lat. 39°49.244' N**, Long. 76°14.606' W; then running approximately 56° True to a point defined by Lat. 38°49.298' N, Long. 76°14.506' W; then running approximately 12° True to a point defined by Lat. 38°49.371' N, Long. 76°14.486' W; then running approximately 318° True to a point defined by Lat. 38°49.416' N, Long. 76°14.538' W; then running approximately 266° True to a point defined by Lat. 38°49.408' N, Long. 76°14.676' W; then running **approximately 313° True to a point defined by Lat. 38°49.620' N, Long. 76°14.970' W; then running approximately 58° True to a point defined by Lat. 38°49.620' N, Long. 76°14.970' W; then running approximately 329° True** to a point defined by Lat. 38°49.779' N, Long. 76°14.962' W; ...then running southeasterly along the shore to the point of beginning.

3) Talbot County — Harbor Cove and Eastern Bay — [COMAR 08.02.01.12](#)

Section B(3)(n) — The coordinates bolded and underlined below are missing labels. One is missing “Lat.” and the other is missing “W”.

All of the waters of Harbor Cove and Eastern Bay enclosed by a line beginning at or near a point on the shore of Lowes Point defined by Lat. 38°46.271' N, Long. 76°20.294' W; then running approximately 352° True to a point **defined by 38°46.708' N**, Long. 76°20.986' W; then running approximately 38° True to a point defined by Lat. 38°47.378' N, **Long. 76°19.314'**; then....to the point of beginning.

Why is this change necessary?

The changes are necessary to make the regulation clear for all users.

Who will this affect?

Commercial clambers who utilize any of the affected areas.

When will this be effective?

The department expects this change to be effective in late fall of 2020, however the exact date cannot be determined. The department will follow our normal scoping and proposal procedures.

Has this change been discussed with advisory commissions?

This idea was scoped with the Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission and the Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission at their meetings in July 2020. Commissioners did not have questions or comments and recommended proceeding with scoping.