



MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
FISHING AND BOATING SERVICES
AQUACULTURE AND INDUSTRY ENHANCEMENT DIVISION

**SANCTUARY POWER DREDGE HOTLINE
HARVEST NOTIFICATION CALL-IN PROCEDURES**

In accordance with COMAR 08.02.04.15(C)(3), a leaseholder or a permit registrant authorized under COMAR 08.02.23.04 shall notify the department as specified on the Shellfish Aquaculture Harvester Permit (SAHP) 48 hours in advance of using a power dredge to harvest shellfish from a lease in an oyster sanctuary. Shellfish Aquaculture Harvester Permits and Registration Cards issued for leases within the boundaries of a sanctuary will have the **Sanctuary Power Dredge Hotline number, (410) 260-2424**, printed on them.

Harvesters must report their harvest intent to the department on the hotline using the following general call-in procedures:

- Harvesters must call the hotline at least 48 hours in advance of starting harvest and leave a message including the harvester's full name, Permit or Registration Card number(s), lease number(s) and harvest date(s).
- Harvest scheduled for a Monday must be reported by 12 noon on the preceding Friday. Please keep in mind that offices will be closed on weekends and State holidays and calls will not be monitored on those days.
- Each individual planning to participate in harvest activities must report his or her own harvest intentions.
- Harvesters can call to report intent to harvest for up to one week, or seven days, at a time (i.e. Monday to Sunday).

All harvest activity reported to the hotline will be logged through the Aquaculture and Industry Enhancement Division and provided to the Natural Resources Police for patrol enforcement. Harvesters using gear other than a power dredge are not required to notify the department.

For questions, please contact Kellie Dennis at (410) 260-8652 or Kellie.Dennis@maryland.gov.