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**NOTICE AND DESCRIPTION OF SHELLFISH AREA CONDEMNATION  
NUMBER 007-028, NORTHWEST AND WEST YEOCOMICO RIVERS****EFFECTIVE 1 APRIL 2024**

Pursuant to Title 28.2, Chapter 8, §§ 28.2-803 through 28.2-808, § 32.1-20, and § 2.2-4002, B.16 of the Code of Virginia:

1. The "Notice and Description of Shellfish Area Condemnation Number 007-028, Northwest and West Yeocomico Rivers," effective 15 March 2023, is cancelled effective 1 April 2024.
2. Condemned Shellfish Area Number 007-028, shown as Sections A through F, is hereby established effective 1 April 2024. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to take shellfish from these areas for any purpose, except by permit granted by the Marine Resources Commission, as provided in § 28.2-810 of the Code of Virginia. The boundaries of these areas are shown on the map titled "Northwest and West Yeocomico Rivers, Condemned Shellfish Area Number 007-028, 1 April 2024" which is part of this notice.
3. Condemned Shellfish Area Number 007-028, shown as Sections C26 and C27, is hereby established effective 1 April 2024. Pursuant to § 28.2-808(3) of the Code of Virginia, such conditional condemnation is predicated upon predictable pollution events arising from excess rainfall. This area shall be placed in the closed status at 12:01 a.m. the day following a 24-hour rainfall event of greater than a total of 1 inch in the Yeocomico River. The source of the data indicating the total 24-hour rainfall will be the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Multisensor Precipitation Estimator for latitude / longitude coordinate (38.00831483,-76.55287744 decimal degrees), or (38°0'29.934",-76°33'10.3566"degrees, minutes, and seconds). The time interval used to measure the 24-hour rainfall event will be the 24-hour period ending at 8:00 p.m. on the day prior to the effective date of the closed status. The closed status of the conditionally approved area shall remain in effect for 10 calendar days, and shall revert to the open status at 12:01 a.m. on the 11th calendar day from the effective date of the closed status. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to take shellfish from these areas for any purpose while in the closed status, except by permit granted by the Marine Resources Commission, as provided in Section 28.2-810 of the Code of Virginia. The boundaries of these areas are shown on the map titled "Northwest and West Yeocomico Rivers, Condemned Shellfish Area Number 007-028, 1 April 2024" which are part of this notice.

5. The Department of Health will receive, consider and respond to petitions by any interested person at any time with respect to reconsideration or revision of this order.

**BOUNDARIES OF CONDEMNED AREA NUMBER 007-028**

- A. The condemned area shall include all of the Hampton Hall Branch of the West Yeocomico River and its tributaries upstream of a line drawn between latitude / longitude map coordinate (38°01'36.4", -76°34'28.9") and map coordinate (38°01'32.2", -76°34'19.3").
- B. The condemned area shall include that portion of the Northwest Yeocomico River (Shannon Branch) and its tributaries upstream of a line drawn between latitude / longitude map coordinate (38°03'27.2", -76°33'37.6") and map coordinate (38°03'27.8", -76°33'31.8").
- C. The condemned area shall include that portion of White Point Creek upstream of a line drawn from latitude / longitude map coordinate (38°02'46.8", -76°33'59.8") and map coordinate (38°02'43.0", -76°33'58.2").
- D. The condemned area shall include that portion of the Northwest Yeocomico River (Shannon Branch) inland of a line drawn between latitude / longitude map coordinate (38°02'49.7", -76°33'06.5"), map coordinate (38°02'46.6", -76°33'09.8"), and map coordinate (38°02'26.9", -76°32'48.9") .
- E. The condemned area shall include that portion of White Point Creek inland of a line drawn from latitude / longitude map coordinate (38°02'35.9", -76°33'30.8") and map coordinate (38°02'28.1", -76°33'02.9").
- F. The condemned area shall include all of the Kinsale Branch of the West Yeocomico River and its tributaries upstream of a line drawn between latitude / longitude map coordinate (38°01'41.9", -76°34'28.1") and map coordinate (38°01'45.7", -76°34'21.5").
- C26. The conditionally approved area shall include that portion of the Northwest Yeocomico River (Shannon Branch) and its tributaries upstream of a line drawn between latitude / longitude map coordinate (38°02'17.3", -76°33'06.4") and map coordinate (38°02'19.8", -76°32'45.1"); but excludes the areas defined as Sections B, C, D, and E.
- C27. The conditionally approved area shall include that portion of the Western Branch of the Yeocomico River and its tributaries upstream of a line drawn between latitude / longitude map coordinate (38°01'45.2", -76°32'58.4") and map coordinate (38°01'25.7", -76°32'56.7"); but excludes the areas defined as Sections A and F.

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**Virginia Department of Health**  
**Northwest and West Yeocomico Rivers**  
**Condemned Shellfish Area**  
**Number 007-028**  
**1 April 2024**

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Westmoreland  
 County



Condemned Shellfish Areas  
 (Sections A - F)



Conditionally Approved  
 Shellfish Areas  
 (Sections C26 & C27)  
 Closed: 10 days Following  
 > 1.0" Rain Event

