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NOTICE AND DESCRIPTION OF SHELLFISH AREA EMERGENCY CONDEMNATION NUMBER 056-007B, JAMES RIVER


EFFECTIVE JANUARY 21, 2021 THROUGH FEBRUARY 3, 2021

1. The "Notice and Description of Shellfish Area Emergency Condemnation Number 056-007B, James River," effective January 5, 2021 through January 25, 2021, is cancelled effective January 21, 2021.
2. Pursuant to § 28.2-809, § 32.1-13, § 32.1-20 and § 2.2-4002 B.16, and § 2.2-4028 of the Code of Virginia, an emergency closure on the James River is hereby established, effective January 21, 2021. As to Section A, it shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to take shellfish from this area 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 this area are shown on the map titled "James River, Condemned Shellfish Area Number 056-007B, Emergency Closure, January 21, 2021" which is a part of this notice.
3. Because the area described below has been subjected to a sewage spill likely containing pathogenic bacteria and viruses, and because the area is not a safe area from which to take shellfish for direct marketing, and because shellfish exist in this area, an emergency exists and the immediate promulgation of this regulation is needed to protect the public health.
4. 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 emergency condemnation. The area will be reopened once it has been shown to meet the guidelines for an approved shellfish harvesting area.

BOUNDARIES OF EMERGENCY CLOSURE NUMBER 056-007B

- A. The condemned area shall include that portion of the lower James River and its tributaries located upstream of existing condemned waters in Hampton Roads but downstream of a line extending from latitude/longitude map coordinate (36°58'04.6", -76°30'43.4") to map coordinate (37°00'46.9", -76°27'22.2") as well as downstream of a second line extending from latitude/longitude map coordinate (36°53'28.4", -76°29'35.1") to map coordinate (36°52'51.6", -76°29'30.1"); but excludes any areas otherwise classified as condemned by separate order.

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Virginia Department of Health James River Condemned Shellfish Area Number 056-007B Emergency Closure 21 January 2021



Warwick River
Cond. # 058-034

(37°00'46.9", -76°27'22.2")

James River Bridge
US 17

Hampton

Newport
News

Hampton Roads
Cond. # 056-007

Section A

Isle of Wight
County

I-664 Monitor- Merrimac Bridge Tunnel

Portsmouth

Chuckatuck Cr
Cond. # 062-080

(36°53'28.4", -76°29'35.1")


Streeter & Hoffer Creeks
Cond. # 064-018

Suffolk

(36°52'51.6", -76°29'30.1")

Upper
Nansemond River
Cond. # 063-008

Suffolk

 Emergency Condemned Shellfish Area Section A

 Existing Condemned Shellfish Areas