



## COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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### **NOTICE AND DESCRIPTION OF SHELLFISH AREA CONDEMNATION NUMBER 023-120, LANCASTER AND MORATTICO CREEKS**

**EFFECTIVE 15 DECEMBER 2025**

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 023-120, Lancaster and Morattico Creeks,” effective 15 November 2024, is cancelled effective 15 December 2025.
2. Condemned Shellfish Area Number 023-120, shown as Sections A, B and C, is hereby established effective 15 December 2025. 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 “Lancaster and Morattico Creeks, Condemned Shellfish Area Number 023-120, 15 December 2025” which is part of this notice.
3. Conditionally Approved Shellfish Area (closed status) Number 023-120, shown as Section M1, is hereby established effective 15 December 2025, and shall remain in force until rescinded. 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 “Lancaster and Morattico Creeks, Condemned Shellfish Area Number 023-120, 15 December 2025” which is part of this notice.
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 order.

#### **BOUNDARIES OF CONDEMNED AREA NUMBER 023-120**

- A. The condemned area shall include that portion of Lancaster Creek and its tributaries upstream of a line drawn between latitude / longitude map coordinate (37°48'29.2", -76°37'41.7") and map coordinate (37°48'16.6", -76°37'34.0").
- B. The condemned area shall include that portion of Morattico Creek and its tributaries upstream of a line drawn between latitude / longitude map coordinate (37°48'17.1", -76°38'14.2") and map coordinate (37°48'15.5", -76°38'13.7").

- C. The condemned area shall include that portion of Morattico Creek inland of a line drawn between latitude / longitude map coordinate (37°47'45.8",-76°39'04.3"), map coordinate (37°47'54.5",-76°38'53.2"), and map coordinate (37°48'05.9",-76°38'47.9").
  
- M1. The conditionally approved area (closed status) shall include that portion of Morattico Creek inland of a line drawn between latitude/longitude map coordinate (37°47'59.1",-76°38'54.8"), map coordinate (37°47'54.5",-76°38'53.2"), and map coordinate (37°47'53.4",-76°39'00.1"); and is shown as part of Section C.

Recommended by: *Danielle Schools*  
Director, Division of Shellfish Safety

Ordered by:  12/03/25  
[Julie Henderson \(Dec 3, 2025 12:45:08 EST\)](#)  
Director, Office of Environmental Health Services Date

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