



## COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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### **NOTICE AND DESCRIPTION OF SHELLFISH AREA CONDEMNATION NUMBER 044-054, SEVERN RIVER: SOUTHWEST BRANCH**

**EFFECTIVE 15 JULY 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 044-054, Severn River: Southwest Branch," effective 15 June 2024, is cancelled effective 15 July 2025.
2. Condemned Shellfish Area Number 044-054, shown as Sections A through D, is hereby established effective 15 July 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 "Severn River: Southwest Branch, Condemned Shellfish Area Number 044-054, 15 July 2025" which is part of this notice.
3. Seasonally Condemned Shellfish Area Number 044-054, shown as Section M1, is hereby established effective 15 July 2025, and shall remain in force annually thereafter for the period beginning the first day of April through the last day of October until rescinded. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to take shellfish from this area during such period for any purpose while in the closed status, 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 "Severn River: Southwest Branch, Condemned Shellfish Area Number 044-054, 15 July 2025" which is part of this notice.
4. Conditionally Approved Shellfish Area (Closed Status) Number 044-054, shown as Section M2, is hereby established effective 15 July 2025. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to take shellfish from this area during such period for any purpose while in the closed status, 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 "Severn River: Southwest Branch, Condemned Shellfish Area Number 044-054, 15 July 2025" which is 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 044-054

- A. The condemned area shall include all of Thorntons Creek and its tributaries upstream of a line drawn between latitude / longitude map coordinate (37°17'26.9", -76°27'11.1") and map coordinate (37°17'29.1", -76°27'05.4").
- B. The condemned area shall include that portion of Willetts Creek and its tributaries upstream of a line drawn between latitude / longitude map coordinate (37°18'11.1", -76°27'39.3") and map coordinate (37°18'02.8", -76°27'40.7").
- C. The condemned area shall include that portion of Heywood Creek and its tributaries upstream of a line drawn between latitude / longitude map coordinate (37°17'22.5", -76°27'32.5") and map coordinate (37°17'22.0", -76°27'24.9").
- D. The condemned area shall include that portion of Rowes Creek and its tributaries upstream of a line drawn between latitude / longitude map coordinate (37°17'55.9", -76°26'37.4") and map coordinate (37°18'00.2", -76°26'29.4").
- M1. The conditionally approved area (seasonally closed status) shall include that portion of the Southwest Branch of the Severn River inland of a line drawn between latitude / longitude map coordinate (37°18'13.4", -76°27'24.7"), map coordinate (37°18'10.5", -76°27'18.6"), map coordinate (37°18'11.5", -76°27'07.3"), and map coordinate (37°18'17.4", -76°27'03.4").
- M2. The conditionally approved area (closed status) shall include that portion of Rowes Creek and its tributaries inland of a line drawn between latitude / longitude map coordinate (37°17'52.3", -76°26'34.6"), map coordinate (37°17'55.2", -76°26'31.4"), map coordinate (37°17'52.4", -76°26'26.9"), and map coordinate (37°17'47.1", -76°26'32.0"); and is shown as part of Section D.

Recommended by: *Danielle Schools*  
Danielle Schools (Jun 27, 2025 12:14 EDT)  
Director, Division of Shellfish Safety

Ordered by:  06/27/2025  
Julie Henderson (Jun 27, 2025 12:17 EDT)  
Director, Office of Environmental Health Services Date



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**Severn River: Southwest Branch**  
**Condemned Shellfish Area Number 044-054**  
**15 July 2025**

