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NOTICE AND DESCRIPTION OF SHELLFISH AREA CONDEMNATION NUMBER 053-222, BENNETT CREEK

EFFECTIVE 15 JUNE 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 053-222, Bennett Creek," effective 15 May 2024, is cancelled effective 15 June 2025.
2. Condemned Shellfish Area Number 053-222, shown as Sections A through E, is hereby established effective 15 June 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 "Bennett Creek, Condemned Shellfish Area Number 053-222, 15 June 2025" which is part of this notice.
3. Condemned Shellfish Area Number 053-222, shown as Sections C12 and C13, is hereby established effective 15 June 2025. 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 Poquoson 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 (37.14032266, -76.42870872 decimal degrees), or (37° 8' 25.2", -76° 25' 43.4" 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 maps titled "Bennett Creek Condemned Shellfish Area Number 053-222, 15 June 2025" which is part of this notice.
4. Conditionally Approved Shellfish Area (seasonally closed status) Number 053-222, shown as Section M1, is hereby established effective 15 June 2025, and shall remain in force annually thereafter for the period beginning the first day of April through the last

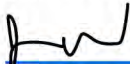
day of October until rescinded. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to take shellfish from this area during such period for any purpose while in the closed status, except by permit granted by the Marine Resources Commission, as provided in § 28.2-810 of the Code of Virginia. The boundaries of this area are shown on the map titled "Bennett Creek, Condemned Shellfish Area Number 053-222, 15 June 2025" which is part of this notice.

5. Conditionally Approved Shellfish Area (closed status) Number 053-222, shown as Sections M2 and M3, is hereby established effective 15 June 2025. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to take shellfish from these areas 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 these areas are shown on the map titled "Bennett Creek, Condemned Shellfish Area Number 053-222, 15 June 2025" which is part of this notice.
6. 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.

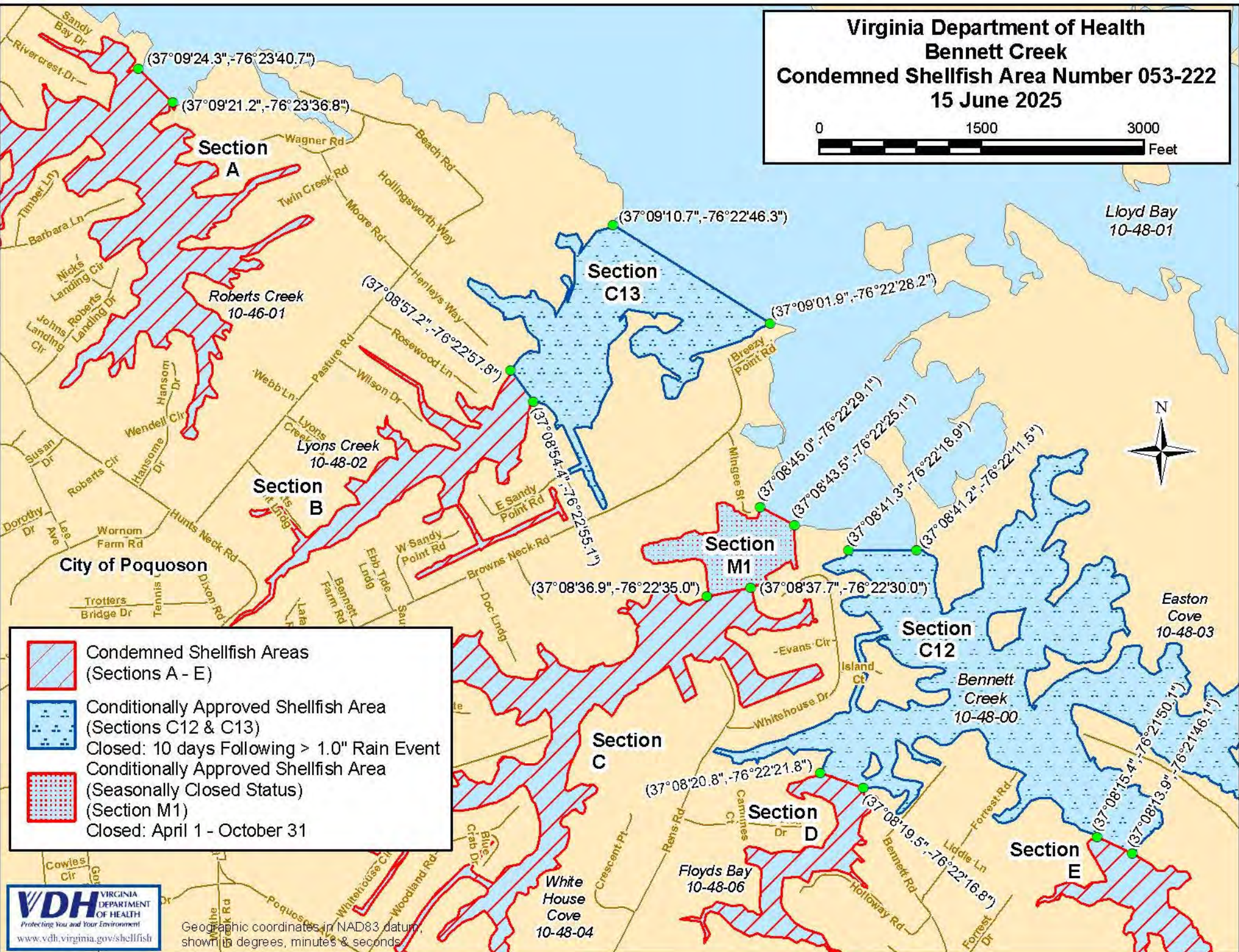
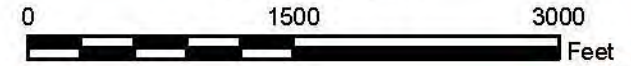
BOUNDARIES OF CONDEMNED AREA NUMBER 053-222




- A. The condemned area shall include that portion of Roberts Creek and its tributaries upstream of a line drawn between latitude / longitude map coordinate (37°09'24.3", -76°23'40.7") and map coordinate (37°09'21.2", -76°23'36.8").
- B. The condemned area shall include that portion of Lyons Creek and its tributaries upstream of a line drawn between latitude / longitude map coordinate (37°08'57.2", -76°22'57.8") and map coordinate (37°08'54.4", -76°22'55.1").
- C. The condemned area shall include that portion of White House Cove and its tributaries upstream of a line drawn between latitude/longitude map coordinate (37°08'36.9", -76°22'35.0") and map coordinate (37°08'37.7", -76°22'30.0").
- D. The condemned area shall include that portion of Floyds Bay and its tributaries upstream of a line drawn between latitude / longitude map coordinate (37°08'20.8", -76°22'21.8") and map coordinate (37°08'19.5", -76°22'16.8").
- E. The condemned area shall include that portion of Bennett Creek and its tributaries upstream of a line drawn between latitude/longitude map coordinate (37°08'15.4", -76°21'50.1") and map coordinate (37°08'13.9", -76°21'46.1").
- C12. The conditionally approved area shall include that portion of Bennett Creek and its tributaries upstream of a line drawn between latitude/longitude map coordinate (37°08'41.3", -76°22'18.9") and map coordinate (37°08'41.2", -76°22'11.5"); but excludes the areas defined as Sections D and E.
- C13. The conditionally approved area shall include that portion of Lyons Creek and its tributaries upstream of a line drawn between latitude / longitude map coordinate (37°09'10.7", -76°22'46.3") and map coordinate (37°09'01.9", -76°22'28.2"); but excludes the area defined as Section B.

- M1. The conditionally approved area (seasonally closed status) shall include that portion of White House Cove and its tributaries upstream of a line drawn between latitude / longitude map coordinate (37°08'45.0",-76°22'29.1") and map coordinate (37°08'43.5",-76°22'25.1"); but excludes the area defined as Section C,
- M2. The conditionally approved area (closed status) shall include that portion of White House Cove and its tributaries downstream of a line drawn between latitude / longitude map coordinate (37°08'29.9",-76°22'48.5") and map coordinate (37°08'26.9",-76°22'47.7"); and upstream of a second line drawn between map coordinate (37°08'36.9",-76°22'35.0") and map coordinate (37°08'37.7",-76°22'30.0"); but is shown in the report only.
- M3. The conditionally approved area (closed status) shall include that portion of White House Cove and its tributaries inland of a line drawn between latitude / longitude map coordinate (37°08'26.3",-76°22'56.4"), map coordinate (37°08'28.2",-76°22'51.9"), map coordinate (37°08'25.0",-76°22'49.4"), and map coordinate (37°08'23.6",-76°22'52.6"); but is shown in the report only.

Recommended by:	<u><i>Adam Wood</i></u>	<u>per procuracionem</u>
	Director, Division of Shellfish Safety	
Ordered by:	<u> Julie Henderson (Jun 13, 2025 12:50 EDT)</u>	<u>06/13/2025</u>
	Director, Office of Environmental Health Services	Date

Virginia Department of Health
Bennett Creek
Condemned Shellfish Area Number 053-222
15 June 2025



-  Condemned Shellfish Areas (Sections A - E)
-  Conditionally Approved Shellfish Area (Sections C12 & C13)
 Closed: 10 days Following > 1.0" Rain Event
-  Conditionally Approved Shellfish Area (Seasonally Closed Status) (Section M1)
 Closed: April 1 - October 31