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EMERGENCY ORDER #2015 - 16

CLOSURE OF LOWER POTOMAC OYSTER BARS


THE POTOMAC RIVER FISHERIES COMMISSION, having found an unusually high oyster spat count in the lower Potomac River (on the Maryland side) during the Maryland DNR Fall Oyster Survey, and since a natural oyster spawning event of this magnitude has not occurred in the Potomac River in 25 to 30 years, and recognizing the need to protect this valuable natural oyster strike, and having found an Emergency situation exists, and pursuant to its authority under Regulation I, Section 7(a), as delineated in the attached "Schedule A" **HEREBY DECLARES AND ORDERS THE FOLLOWING OYSTER BARS CLOSED FOR THE PURPOSE OF TAKING OR CATCHING OR ATTEMPTING TO TAKE OR CATCH OYSTERS BY ANY MEANS:**

- a) Cornfield Harbor Oyster Bar and addition;
- b) Jones Shore Oyster Bar and addition;
- c) Kitt's Point Oyster Bar;
- d) St. George's Island Oyster Bar;
- e) Piney Point Hollow Oyster Bar;
- f) Tall Timbers Oyster Bar;

AND IT IS FURTHER DECLARED AND ORDERED: this Emergency Order #2015-16 shall become effective October 29, 2015, shall supersede and repeal Order #2015-11 and remain in effect for 180 days from adoption or until such time the Commission has taken further action.

This Emergency Order 2015-16 was duly adopted by the Potomac River Fisheries Commission as an Emergency Order on October 28, 2015 and becomes effective immediately.

ATTEST:



Martin L. Gary, Executive Secretary

October 29, 2015

Date

