

## Potomac River Fisheries Commission

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### Citizen Science Survey Request

At the March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Potomac River Fisheries Commission quarterly meeting, the Commission adopted a policy to standardize the process for requests from the public to survey oyster bars outside of the Annual Maryland Department of Natural Resources Fall Oyster Survey. The Commission set the guidelines as follows:

1. Those interested in surveying an oyster bar in the PRFC jurisdiction must provide written formal notice to PRFC staff. Upon submission, PRFC staff would have up to 5 days to respond to the request.
2. Submission of a survey request to PRFC is not an automatic approval. All surveys are subject to staff discretion. Approved surveys will be scheduled based upon staff availability and weather conditions.
3. All animals observed at the survey site must be returned to the water at the survey site and no animals may be removed or collected as a sample.
4. PRFC staff must be onboard during the survey and ensure law enforcement agencies are given prior notice of the surveying activity.

If you are interested in requesting to survey an oyster bar in PRFC jurisdiction, please fill out the information below and submit to PRFC via emailing [contact.prfc@gmail.com](mailto:contact.prfc@gmail.com), mailing to P. O. Box 9 Colonial Beach, VA 22443, or dropping it off at the PRFC Office. If you are looking to sample or survey in PRFC jurisdiction for educational or scientific purposes, you may request a Scientific Collection Permit from the Commission.

Full Name:
Address:
Phone Number:
Email:
Reason for survey:
Desired Survey Date Range:
Survey Gear:
Survey Location:
Vessel/Captain: