



Potomac River Fisheries Commission

MARYLAND - VIRGINIA
"Potomac River Compact of 1958"



ORDER 2025-20 (Replaces Order #2024-15) 2025-2026 JONES SHORE BAR OYSTER SEASON, AREAS, DATES, DAYS, AND TIME LIMITS

THE POTOMAC RIVER FISHERIES COMMISSION, having considered the protection, promotion, growth and conservation of the oyster resources on the Jones Shore Bar and pursuant to its authority under Regulation II, Section 2(b) and Regulation I, Section 7(a) **HEREBY DECLARES AND ORDERS:** The 2025-2026 oyster season, areas, dates, days open and time limits for Jones Shore bar shall be as follows:

<u>Gear</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Hand Tonging	Oct. 1, 2025 thru March 31, 2026	Monday thru Friday	Sunrise to 3:00 p.m.

Area open to Hand Tonging - That portion of the Potomac River commonly known as Jones Shore and enclosed within the following described boundaries: Beginning at a point on shore above Hall Pond, MD (38°03.490' N, 76°21.566' W); thence southwesterly to a point (38°03.134' N, 76°22.044' W), which is the intersection of an established fish trap area as delineated on NOAA chart #122233; thence northwesterly along the fish trap area line to a point (38°03.738' N, 76°23.228' W); thence northwesterly along the fish trap area line to a point (38°03.892' N, 76°23.530' W); thence northwesterly along the fish trap area line to a point (38°04.323' N, 76°24.132' W); thence northwesterly along the fish trap area line to a point (38°04.816' N, 76°25.192' W); thence northeasterly to a point (38°05.599' N, 76°24.143' W); thence easterly to a point (38°05.594' N, 76°23.374' W) along the shoreline south of Calvert Bay, MD; thence southeasterly to Gray Point, MD at the mouth of Rowley Bay (38°05.536' N, 76°23.245' W); thence southeasterly along the shore following the jurisdictional boundary of the Commission to the point of beginning.

<u>Gear</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Hand Scraping	Nov. 1, 2025 thru Feb. 28, 2026	Monday, Wednesday, Friday	Sunrise to 3:00 p.m.
	Mar. 1 thru March 31, 2026	Monday thru Friday	Sunrise to 3:00 p.m.

Area 1 open to Hand Scraping - That portion of the Potomac River commonly known as Jones Shore (Area 1) and enclosed within the following described boundaries: Beginning at a point (38° 5.594' N, 76° 23.374' W) along the shoreline south of Calvert Bay, MD; thence westerly to a point (38° 5.599' N, 76° 24.143' W), thence southwesterly to a point (38° 4.816' N, 76° 25.192' W), which is the intersection of an established fish trap area as delineated on NOAA chart #122233; thence southeasterly along the fish trap area line to a point (38° 4.323' N, 76° 24.132' W); thence northeasterly to a point (38° 5.377' N, 76° 22.886' W); thence northwesterly following the jurisdictional boundary of the Commission to the point of the beginning. (See attached map)

BE IT FURTHER DECLARED AND ORDERED: Possession of a hand scrape shall be permitted during the aforesaid times and from one hour before and for two hours after such times. The use or possession of any hand scrape at any other time is unlawful.

AND, IT IS FURTHER DECLARED AND ORDERED: That this Order #2025-20 shall become effective October 1, 2025 and remain in effect until further notice.

This Order was duly adopted by the Potomac River Fisheries Commission on September 12, 2025.

ATTEST:

Ronald W. Owens, Executive Secretary

Date

Potomac River Fisheries Commission - Jones Shores Rotational Areas

