

Potomac River Fisheries Commission

MARYLAND – VIRGINIA "Potomac River Compact of 1958"



O R D E R #2025-08 "Revised" (replaces #2025-08)

Rotational Natural Oyster Harvest Bar - Lower Cedar Point

THE POTOMAC RIVER FISHERIES COMMISSION, having given consideration to the protection, promotion, growth and conservation of the oyster resource and having found it desirable to establish a Rotational Natural Oyster Harvest Program for the purpose of rehabilitating the oyster fishery in the middle-river area of the Potomac River, and subject to its authority under Regulation I, Section 8(a):

HEREBY DECLARES AND ORDERS: that Lower Cedar Point Bar (150 acres) and Addition (574 acres) are designated as a Rotational Natural Oyster Harvest Program area. Lower Cedar Point and Addition are located in the Potomac River on the Maryland side from Lower Cedar Point downstream to Cuckold Creek (includes Waverly).

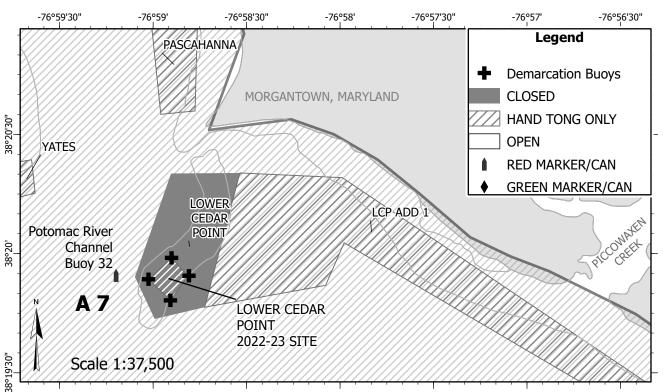
HEREBY DECLARES AND ORDERS: That the 2022-2023 Lower Cedar Point Bar planting site is open to oyster harvest from October 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. The 2022-2023 Lower Cedar Point Bar planting site is enclosed within the following described boundaries: "All the waters of Potomac River enclosed by a line beginning at a point defined by Lat. 38°19.982' N, Long. 76°58.901' W, then running 136° True to a point defined by Lat. 38°19.907' N, Long. 76°58.808' W, then running 217° True to a point defined by Lat. 38°19.804' N, Long. 76°58.907' W, then running 313° True to a point defined by 38°19.892' N, Long. 76°59.025' W, then running 46° True to the point of the beginning."

HEREBY DECLARES AND ORDERS: That, except as provided herein for the 2022-2023 Lower Cedar Point Bar planting site, Lower Cedar Point Bar (150 acres) is closed to oyster harvest and it shall be unlawful for any person to take, catch or attempt to take or catch oysters by any means at any time on Lower Cedar Point Bar unless the Commission so chooses to open the area (Reg. I, Sec. 8(a)). Lower Cedar Point Bar is enclosed within the following described boundaries: "All the waters of Potomac River enclosed by a line beginning at a point defined by Lat. 38°19.712' N, Long. 76°58.971' W, then running 335° True to a point defined by Lat. 38°20.331' N, Long. 76°58.889' W, then running 90° True to a point defined by Lat. 38°20.330' N, Long. 76°58.514' W, then running 91° True to a point defined by Lat. 38°20.328' N, Long. 76°58.416' W, then running 195° True to a point defined by Lat. 38°19.780' N, Long. 76°58.600' W, then running 259° True to a point defined by Lat. 38°19.765' N, Long. 76°58.704' W, then running 256° True to the point of beginning."

HEREBY DECLARES AND ORDERS: That <u>Lower Cedar Point Addition</u> (574 acres) is open to oyster harvest during the oyster season.

BE IT FURTHER DECLARED AND ORDERED: That this Order #2025-08 "Revised" shall supersede and repeal Order #2025-08 become effective October 1, 2025 and remain in effect until further notice.

POTOMAC RIVER FISHERIES COMMISSION LOWER CEDAR POINT - 2025-2026 OYSTER SEASON



Order #2025-08 "Revised" opens the 2022-2023 Lower Cedar Point Bar planting site to oyster harvest from October 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, Monday - Friday by hand tong gear only.

The 2022-23 Lower Cedar Point Bar planting site is enclosed within the following described boundaries:

"All the waters of Potomac River enclosed by a line beginning at a point defined by Lat. 38°19.982' N, Long. 76°58.901' W, then running 136° True to a point defined by Lat. 38°19.907' N, Long. 76°58.808' W, then running 217° True to a point defined by Lat. 38°19.804' N, Long. 76°58.907' W, then running 313° True to a point defined by Lat. 38°19.892' N, Long. 76°59.025' W, then running 46° True to the point of the beginning."

For law enforcement purposes, there will be four buoys placed on each corner of the site. Areas outside the buoyed site remain closed to harvest at all times.

For more information, please contact the PRFC office.

Lower Cedar Point Bar is enclosed within the following described boundaries: "All the waters of Potomac River enclosed by a line beginning at a point defined by Lat. 38°19.712' N, Long. 76°58.971' W, then running 335° True to a point defined by Lat. 38°19.888' N, Long. 76°59.077' W, then running 18° True to a point defined by Lat. 38°20.331' N, Long. 76°58.889' W, then running 90° True to a point defined by Lat. 38°20.330' N, Long. 76°58.514' W, then running 91° True to a point defined by Lat. 38°20.328' N, Long. 76°58.416' W, then running 195° True to a point defined by Lat. 38°19.780' N, Long. 76°58.600' W, then running 259° True to a point defined by Lat. 38°19.765' N, Long. 76°58.704' W, then running 256° True to the point of beginning."