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**CONDITIONS AND PAYMENT FOR LOADING,
TRANSPORTING AND PLANTING OF OYSTER SHELL**

The Potomac River Fisheries Commission is seeking bids for the pickup, transport and deployment of oyster shell (up to, but not to exceed *10,000 Virginia bushels) from **Cowart Seafood Corporation (755 Lake Landing Drive, Lottsburg, VA 22511) Knott's Hollow Oyster Bar in the Potomac River, just outside of Breton Bay, MD, located at the following Latitude/Longitude: 38° 13.671 N; 76° 39.947 W. Shells will be loaded for pickup at Cowart Seafood Corporation. The scope of work for this project follows.

*Pending funding approval from NRG Energy.

**Pending confirmation of availability of shell.

1. The Potomac River Fisheries Commission (PRFC) will designate and buoy areas where oyster shells will be planted. The demarcated site / oyster bar (with GPS coordinates) to be planted will be written on a contract of agreement between PRFC and the approved vendor. No other area may be substituted for planting.
2. The loading and planting will be subject to the supervision and inspection by PRFC personnel. If weather conditions forbid the planting of the designated area, the captain will be required to keep the oyster shells on board until weather conditions improve.

3. The vessel captain agrees to notify PRFC personnel of the date and time to depart to plant shells, and estimated time of arrival at the planting location and not to plant without PRFC personnel being present. PRFC staff will issue a receipt to the vessel captain verifying the number of bushels planted, and if planted per instructions.
4. PRFC agrees to have staff on the planting vessel at the time of loading, and on the planting vessel at the planting area when planting occurs.
5. All loading and planting must be during daylight hours. Planting time will be from sunrise until sunset only, unless emergency situations exist.
6. The oyster shells shall be off-loaded by hand shovel, conveyor, or washed (floated) overboard by low pressure water. The vessel must be moving at all times within the designated area when the oyster shells are being planted.
7. QUANTITY CONTROL: All vessels are to have a sturdy cargo box for containing oyster shells. No work will be allowed until the cargo space is measured by PRFC personnel. No cargo box will be measured if the structure is not complete. Engine boxes, hatch covers, etc. included in the cargo space will be measured and the volume will be deducted. All vessels and cargo spaces will be photographed when measured before any oyster shells are loaded. Vessels will be checked to have the volume of the cargo space verified during the oyster shell moving operation.

A minimum of a sturdy three (3) sided box is required. A sturdy four (4) sided box is preferred. All sides must be of equal height. The height, length, and width of this cargo space will be entirely up to the discretion of the boat captain. (Care should be taken not to overload the vessel by constructing the cargo space too large, especially too high). For safety reasons and to facilitate ease of loading and planting, stacked sides (usually 2" X 6" or 2" X 8" boards that drop into rails) may be used. All sides must be complete as measured before a ticket is issued. All loads are to be level, not peaked. No ticket will be issued for peaked loads. Only level loaded vessels will be issued a ticket.

All loads of oyster shell will be measured by PRFC staff and calculated to determine the volume of Virginia Oyster Bushels before a ticket is issued.

The Virginia Oyster Bushel has a capacity of 2,566 cubic inches

$$\text{AVERAGE LENGTH X AVERAGE WIDTH X AVERAGE HEIGHT} = \text{CUBIC VOLUME}$$

$$\text{CUBIC VOLUME (cubic inches)} \div 2800.9 \text{ (cubic inches)} = \text{NUMBER OF VIRGINIA OYSTER BUSHELS}$$

$$\text{CUBIC VOLUME (cubic feet)} \div 1.62 \text{ (cubic feet)} = \text{NUMBER OF VIRGINIA OYSTER BUSHELS}$$

8. No boxes, false compartments or dunnage will be allowed in the cargo space. For vessels that are decked over, no oyster shells are to be loaded or transported in the holds of these vessels.
9. All vessels equipped with side baffle boards within the cargo space must have them secured before loading, during transport, and remain secured until given permission to off-load by PRFC staff at the planting site.
10. PRFC personnel will have the right to inspect vessels at any time, for any reason, for the purpose of quality control of oyster shell volumes.
11. PRFC reserves the right to discontinue the oyster shell planting operation at any time, on either a per vessel or entire operation basis for reasons of unsafe weather conditions, environmental conditions, or lack of funds.
12. PRFC reserves the right to limit the total number of vessels to be employed in any shell planting operation.
13. Vessels will have working VHF-FM radio communication equipment with Channel 16 (156.80 MHZ) and channel 10.
14. In order to participate in the PRFC shell planting program, vessel captains must provide documentation that their cargo vessel has passed a current U.S. Coast Guard Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety (CFVS) Examination. USCG examinations are without cost, available upon request, and are not penalty oriented. They may be scheduled by calling the USCG Activities Baltimore Commercial Fishing Safety Coordinator, of the Operations Prevention Division, at (410) 576-2634/2693.

- 15. Vessel Captains/operators are ultimately responsible for the safe loading and carriage of cargo and personnel aboard their vessels.
- 16. Pay Scale: Interested vendors please provide a bid inclusive of loading, transport and Planting oyster shells - _____ per bushel

I, the undersigned, have read the above conditions for payment and understand that payment for loading, transporting and planting of oyster shell is dependent upon my full compliance with the above conditions.

U.S. Coast Guard Commercial Fishing
Vessel Safety Examination

Vessel name or license #

Sticker #: _____

Signature of Boat Payee

Issue Date: _____

Printed Name

Witness

Social Security Number

Date

Address

City, State, Zip Code

APPROVED AND RECEIVED BY:

(_____)
Phone Number

PRFC Procurement Officer

Date