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**PUBLIC NOTICE  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

The Potomac River Fisheries Commission (PRFC) is hereby soliciting sealed proposals for the following oyster planting projects within PRFC jurisdictional waters.

**PRFC RFP #2026-A Upper River Seed Re-Location Planting**

The PRFC is seeking proposals for the relocation of PRFC wild diploid oyster seed from Waterloo Bar (38°23.661'N, 77°04.501'W) to two downriver planting locations: Sheepshead Bar (38°12.878'N, 76°45.729'W) and Ragged Point Bar (38°09.234'N, 76°36.415'W).

The project period shall extend through May 31, 2026. The total anticipated planting volume is approximately **15,000** Virginia bushels. Exact planting areas and volumes will be designated by the PRFC.

Proposals shall be submitted on a per-bushel basis and must include a total project cost. Pricing shall include all labor, equipment, harvesting of source seed material, transportation, and deployment on buoyed and demarcated planting areas designated by the PRFC. The PRFC reserves the right to suspend, modify, or terminate the project if the source seed count falls below the established thresholds.

**PRFC RFP #2026-B Cornfield Harbor Seed Production Area**

The PRFC is seeking proposals for the relocation of PRFC wild diploid oyster seed from the Cornfield Harbor Seed Production Area (38°02.586'N, 76°19.611'W) to two planting locations: Sheepshead Bar (38°12.878'N, 76°45.729'W) and Ragged Point Bar (38°09.234'N, 76°36.415'W). Exact planting areas will be designated by the PRFC.

The project period shall extend through May 31, 2026. The total anticipated planting volume is approximately **5,000** Virginia bushels.

Proposals shall be submitted on a per-bushel basis and must include a total project cost. Pricing shall include all labor, equipment, harvesting of source seed material, transportation, and deployment on buoyed and demarcated planting areas designated by PRFC. PRFC reserves the right to suspend, modify, or terminate the project if the source seed count falls below the established thresholds.

**PRFC RFP #2026-C Jones Shore Area 1 Shell Planting**

The PRFC is seeking proposals for the planting of dry-aged natural oyster shell (*Eastern Oyster, Crassostrea virginica*) on Jones Shore Area 1 (38°05.071'N, 76°24.035'W). The exact planting area will be designated by PRFC.

The project period shall extend through May 31, 2026. The total planting volume shall be up to X Virginia bushels, with the total project cost not to exceed \$100,000.

Proposals shall be submitted on a per-bushel basis. Pricing shall include all labor, equipment, transportation, and deployment on buoyed and demarcated planting areas designated by the PRFC. All shell material will be subject to inspection by the PRFC. The PRFC reserves the right to reject any shell material that is contaminated with foreign material or deemed “green.” Eligible shell material must be properly composted for a sufficient period to allow all meat to decompose and for shells to be free of tissue and other organic material.

**Submission Information**

Prospective bidders shall submit proposals via email to **ron.owens@prfc.us** by no later than **March 25, 2026**. Proposals must include pricing and all applicable project costs. The PRFC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive informalities, and to accept the proposal deemed to be in the best interest of the Commission.

For additional information regarding these solicitations, including submission deadlines and specifications, please contact:

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