

**“A CHANGE IN THE OYSTER CULL SIZE FOR OYSTERS HARVESTED FROM  
RUSS ROCK, RAPPAHANNOCK RIVER”  
CHAPTER 4VAC20-830-10 ET SEQ.**

**PREAMBLE**

This chapter is promulgated pursuant to authority contained in §§ 28.2-201, 28.2-507, and 28.2-518 of the Code of Virginia. This chapter repeals previous Chapter 4VAC20-830-10 et seq., which was made effective November 6, 1987. The effective date of this chapter, as amended, is December 31, 2023.

**4VAC20-830-10. Authority, other regulations, and effective date. (Repealed.)**

~~A. This chapter is promulgated pursuant to authority contained in §§ 28.1-23 [Repealed] and 28.1-85 [Repealed] of the Code of Virginia.~~

~~B. Other chapters. This chapter modifies Regulation 450-01-0035 adopted March 9, 1987, which established the 3-inch cull size for all clean cull areas. No other part of the chapter shall be affected, except as specified in this chapter.~~

~~C. The effective date of this order is November 6, 1987.~~

**4VAC20-830-20. Purpose. (Repealed.)**

~~This chapter is promulgated in response to a request from the oyster industry that the minimum size be changed from three inches to 2-1/2 inches for oysters harvested from Russ Rock, Rappahannock River. Past harvesting of oysters from this oyster rock has shown a definite characteristic of oysters taken from this area which is that they only grow out to 2-1/2 inches. This action is also vital and timely because of the high death rate in other areas of the state due to~~

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~~the oyster diseases, MSX and Dermo, which has caused a shortage in the supply of market size oysters.~~

**4VAC20-830-30. Size limit. (Repealed.)**

~~The minimum size limit for oysters harvested from Russ Rock, Rappahannock River shall be 2-½ inches.~~

**4VAC20-830-40. Area description. (Repealed.)**

~~This chapter affects the area known as Russ Rock in the Upper Rappahannock River area.~~

**4VAC20-830-50. Penalty. (Repealed.)**

~~In accordance with § 28.1-23 [Repealed] of the Code of Virginia, any person who violates any chapter adopted and promulgated by the commission shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.~~

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This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of the chapter passed by the Marine Resources Commission, pursuant to authority vested in the Commission by §28.2-201 of the Code of Virginia, duly advertised according to statute, and recorded in the Commission's minute book, at meeting held in Hampton, Virginia on December 5, 2023.

**COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Jamie L. Green  
Commissioner**

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2023.

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Notary Public

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