

NOTICE

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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO HARVEST SHELL CULTCH TO BE TRANSPORTED, AND
PLANTED ON OYSTER GROUNDS ON THE SEASIDE OF EASTERN SHORE, VIRGINIA
FOR THE 2017 OYSTER REPLENISHMENT PROGRAM**

Notice is hereby given that the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC) intends to harvest shell cultch to be transported, and planted on oyster grounds for its 2017 Oyster Replenishment Program. VMRC is inviting any person interested in performing this work to apply as indicated below.

THE COMMISSION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE CHANGES IN THE PROGRAM AT ANY TIME.

SEASIDE OF EASTERN SHORE:

Submerged shells will be harvested from state-owned bottomland, transported, and replanted on oyster grounds. Work will be performed in the following areas:

Northampton County

approximately 70,000 bushels

METHOD: The work will be done with a vessel using conventional oyster dredges.

EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATION:

Standard oyster dredges must be at least three (3) feet wide. Draft of the shellplanting boat should be less than 24" and the operator must show evidence of significant experience in operating this type of machinery. The operator must have all barge and transplanting equipment necessary to catch, transport, and plant the shells that are recovered.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Approximate starting date is March 15, 2017.

The areas from which shell will be harvested and the areas to be planted on will be designated and marked by VMRC personnel.

All work will be supervised by VMRC personnel. Shell harvest will be measured and documented by VMRC personnel.

The Contractor will be paid \$2.50 per bushel for shell cultch that is harvested, transported, and replanted on public oyster grounds. Approximately 70,000 bushels are planned to be harvested and transplanted. Prices will vary according to the transport distance from the shell harvest sites.

VMRC personnel will supervise all work.

Before any payments can be made to the contractor, there must be verification of registration with the Virginia Department of Minority Business Enterprises, as a small, woman, or minority owned company, and a contract and current Tax form (W-9) completed and on file at the Marine Resources Commission main office. Payment will be made fifteen days after the Conservation and Replenishment Department has received the invoice and all supporting documentation; the check will be forwarded to the contractor by mail.

The Marine Resources Commission will provide all contractors with information, so that they, if not already registered, can promptly register as a small, woman, or minority owned company with the Virginia Department of Minority Business Enterprises.

SELECTION:

VMRC plans to select one (1) contractor to perform the work. If more than one (1) response is received then selection will be made by lottery.

RESPONSE DEADLINE:

Responses are requested in writing to be sent either by mail, fax, or e-mail by no later than 12 noon, March 10, 2017.

These responses should be submitted to Andrew Button, VMRC-Conservation and Replenishment Department.

Information required for eligibility to participate in this project: Name, address, telephone no., description of equipment intended for operation on this project and your boat's name or number. Also, describe your experience and work performed with this type of equipment from 1994-2016.

LOTTERY:

If more than one (1) applicant should respond, a lottery will be held on March 10, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. in room 303, 3rd floor of the Marine Resources Commission in downtown Newport News at 2600 Washington Avenue. Those wishing to be present are invited to attend. Notification of the individuals chosen will be in writing by mail.

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