

NOTICE

CRD NOTICE 2021-08

NOTICE OF INTENT TO TRANSPLANT SEED OYSTERS FROM THE JAMES RIVER AREA FOR THE 2021 OYSTER REPLENISHMENT PROGRAM

NOTICE is hereby given that the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC) intends to transplant up to or approximately 5,000 bushels of seed oysters from the James River to the Upper Pocomoke River:

THIS PROJECT WAS APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION ON FEBRUARY 23, 2021 AND THE COMMISSION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE CHANGES IN THE PROGRAM AT ANY TIME.

METHOD: The work will be done with oyster dredges.

EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATION:

The boat must be large enough to harvest, transport, and plant at least 1,000 bushels per planting.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

The work is to be done during the time period March 15, 2021 through April 30, 2021.

Harvesting will be done by dredge only. Seed oysters will be uncultured and a minimum count of 400 count/bushel with 6 quarts of shell maximum. All work will be supervised by VMRC personnel. All loads will be measured and documented by VMRC personnel. All bushels shall be standard Virginia bushels.

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

The Contractor will be paid approximately \$6.00 per bushel for shell cultch and oysters that are harvested, transported, and replanted. Up to or approximately 5,000 bushels are planned to be harvested and transplanted.

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.

SELECTION:

VMRC plans to select up to 3 contractors to perform the work. If more responses than this are received then selection will be made by lottery.

LOTTERY:

If more than three applicants should respond, a lottery will be held on March 12, 2021 @ 1:00 p.m. at the VMRC Conservation and Replenishment Department office located at Fort Monroe. Building address is: VMRC, 380 Fenwick Road, Fort Monroe, Virginia. The lottery will be open (via WebEx) to those individuals who wish to be present during the drawing.

RESPONSE DEADLINE:

Responses are requested by no later than 12 noon, **March 12, 2021**.

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

Information required: Name, address, telephone no., description of equipment intended for operation on this project and your boat's name or number.

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