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Re: Reason for Oyster Mortality

Dear Chris:

After hearing of some localized oyster mortality throughout the Bay, do you think that the luminescent algae bloom that occurred in late August thru October could have anything to do with this problem? There were several reports of “red water” during the summer, and as recent as last week in the Susquehanna as far south as the Conowingo Dam as seen on channel 13 news.

We all know that this form of “dino algae” is highly toxic to oysters and many aquatic animals. Has the Maryland Department of Natural Resources been monitoring this occurrence? Just a few

Sincerely,

Capt. Robert Newberry
Chairman