



April 23, 2020

Ms. Jeanne Haddaway-Riccio, Secretary
Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Tawes State Office Building
580 Taylor Avenue
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Secretary Haddaway-Riccio:

The Maryland Department of the Environment has determined by sampling of the water in the area described below that these waters are polluted so that shellfish produced or stored in this area are a hazard to public health. Therefore, pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, Natural Resources Article § 4-742 (2014 Replacement Volume), the Maryland Department of the Environment hereby closes the area described below for the harvesting or storing of shellfish effective May 18, 2020. Please note that this reclassification does not change the Department of Natural Resources designation of the area described as an oyster sanctuary.

Harris Creek, Talbot County (57B)

All of the waters of Harris Creek upstream of a line extending in a southeasterly direction from a point on shore (38° 47' 14.1" North Latitude 76° 16' 20.2" West Longitude) on the western shore to a point (38° 47' 5.2" North Latitude 76° 16' 4.9" West Longitude) on the opposite shore, and all of the waters downstream of a line extending in a southeasterly direction from a point of land (38°47'40.2" North Latitude, 76°16'15.7" West Longitude) at the mouth of the Northeast Branch of Harris Creek to a point of land (38°47'32.7" North Latitude, 76°16'05.1" West Longitude) on the opposite shore, and all of the waters of the Northwest Branch of Harris Creek downstream of a line extending in a northerly direction from a point of land (38°48'02.1" North Latitude, 76°16'53.9" West Longitude) on the south side of the Northwest Branch of Harris Creek to a point of land (38°48'10.0" North Latitude, 76°16'52.5" West Longitude) on the opposite shore.

Northeast Branch, Cummings Creek, Harris Creek, Talbot County (57C)

All of the waters of Cummings Creek upstream of a line extending in a north westerly direction from a point on shore (38° 46' 50.6" North Latitude, 76° 17' 5.3" West Longitude) on the eastern shore to a point of land (38° 46' 59.3" North Latitude 76° 17' 20.1" West Longitude) on the opposite shore.

The following areas will remain restricted to shellfish harvesting:

Northeast Branch, Harris Creek, Talbot County (57B)

All of the waters upstream of a line extending in a southeasterly direction from a point of land (38°47'40.2" North Latitude, 76°16'15.7" West Longitude) at the mouth of the Northeast Branch of

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Harris Creek to a point of land (38°47'32.7" North Latitude, 76°16'05.1" West Longitude) on the opposite shore.

Effective Date: September 9, 1996
Continued Date: November 7, 2011, May 18, 2020

Northwest Branch, Harris Creek, Talbot County (57C)

All of the waters of the Northwest Branch of Harris Creek upstream of a line extending in a northerly direction from a point of land (38°48'02.1" North Latitude, 76°16'53.9" West Longitude) on the south side of the Northwest Branch of Harris Creek to a point of land (38°48'10.0" North Latitude, 76°16'52.5" West Longitude) on the opposite shore.

Effective Date: June 20, 2016
Continued Date: May 18, 2020

Cummings Creek, Harris Creek, Talbot County (57D)

All of the waters of Cummings Creek upstream of a line extending in a southwesterly direction from a point of land (38°47'04.7" North Latitude, 76°17'43.6" West Longitude) on the north side of Cummings Creek to a point of land (38°47'02.0" North Latitude, 76°17'54.8" West Longitude) on the opposite shore.

Effective Date: June 20, 2016
Continued Date: May 18, 2020

A map of the area is attached.

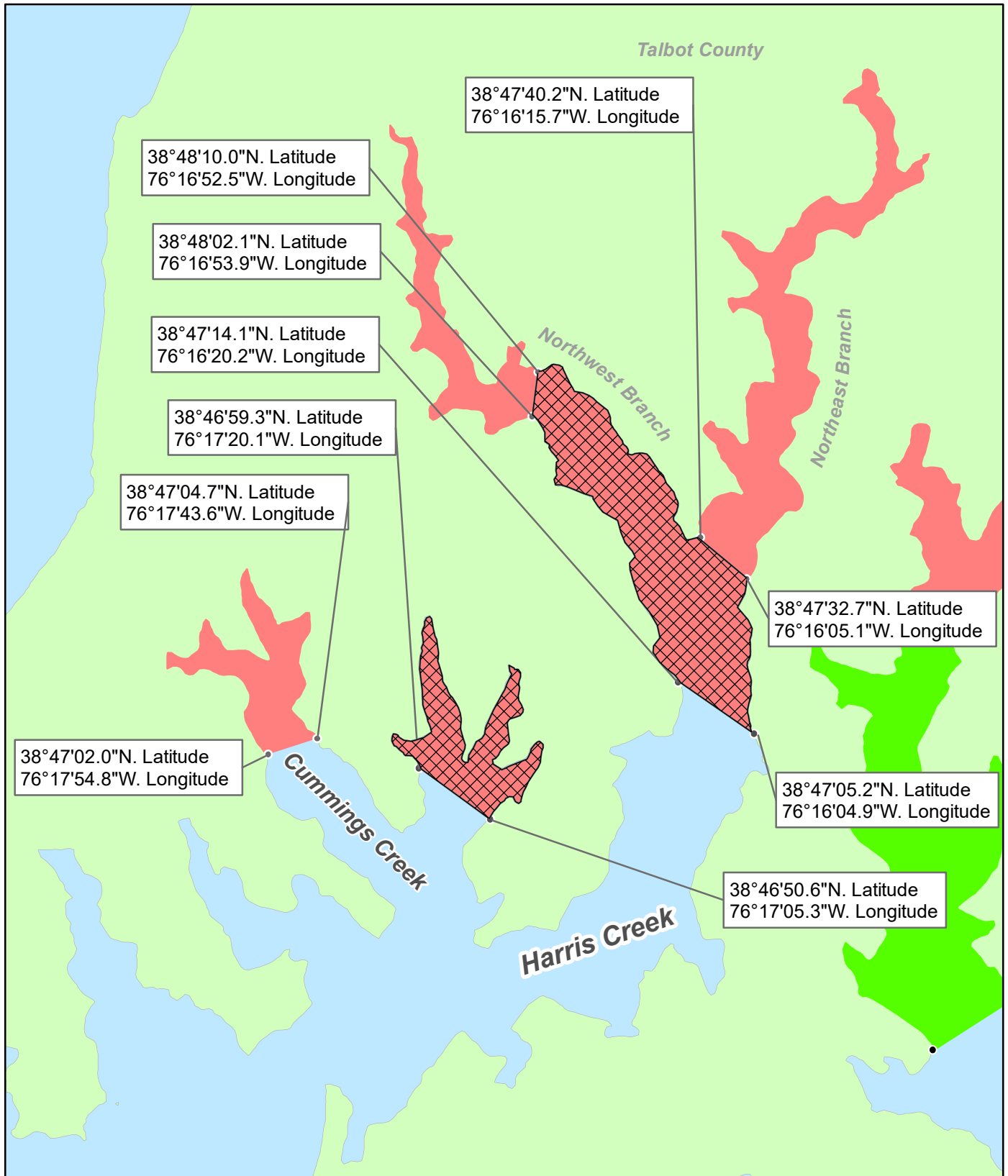
Sincerely,



D. Lee Currey, Director
Water and Science Administration

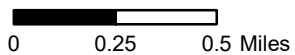
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
Notice of Changes to Shellfish Waters



Northwest Branch of Cummings Creek and Harris Creek, Talbot County
Prohibited Shellfish Area Map 57B & 57C

May 2020



-  Restricted By This Letter
-  Remains Approved By This Letter
-  Remains Conditionally Approved By This Letter
-  Remains Restricted By This Letter



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