



# Maryland

## Department of the Environment

Larry Hogan, Governor  
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January 2, 2021

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 (MDE) has determined by appropriate investigation 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 (1990 Volume), MDE hereby reclassifies the area described below as restricted for the harvesting of shellfish **effective immediately**.

### **ST. GEORGE CREEK, ST. MARY'S RIVER, ST. MARY'S COUNTY**

Due to a sewage spill that occurred on December 31, 2020, the Department has issued an emergency closure to:

All the waters of St. George Creek, St. Mary's River upstream of a line extending in a northeasterly direction from Ball Point on St. George Island to Cherryfield Point on the opposite shore and downstream of a line extending in a northeasterly direction from the easterly tip of Hodgson Point (38°09'07.5" North Latitude, 76°30'26.0" West Longitude) to a point of land on the south end of Streams End Point (38°09'16.5" North Latitude, 76°30'15.2" West Longitude) then continuing in a southwesterly direction to a point of land on the eastern shore of Schoolhouse Branch (38°09'10.6" North Latitude, 76°29'58.3" West Longitude) on the opposite shore.

The closure is necessary to protect public health and will remain in effect until January 21, 2021.

A map of the areas is attached.

Sincerely,

D. Lee Currey, Director  
Water and Science Administration

Attachment  
cc: (see attached list)