

Virginia Marine Resources Commission Technical Pre-approval Form

"Oyster Bottom Restoration through Aquaculture"

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Regional Conservation
Partnership Program (RCPP)

TECHNICAL PRE-APPROVAL STEPS FOR SHELLFISH GROWERS

STEP 1. Develop a plan – if you need assistance, contact VMRC or VIMS (contact info on page 3).

STEP 2: Complete this form and send to Andrew Button at VMRC for approval.

STEP 3. Submit approved form to the local NRCS District Conservationist office to begin the application process. Projects first need to meet the requirements of VMRC (step 1) in order to be considered by NRCS. Participants/projects will also need to meet additional NRCS eligibility requirements to be outlined by your local District Conservationist.

NRCS PRACTICE Oyster Bed Restoration: Check one: Existing bed New bed
Existing beds are "enhanced": 2 inches of shells minimum; planting at 1,000 – 3,000 bu/acre
New beds are "restored": 3 inches of shells minimum; planting at 3,000-5,000 bu/ac

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone number _____ Email _____

TRACK RECORD

Number of years of experience in aquaculture _____ VMRC ID # _____

Do you hold an Oyster Aquaculture Product Owner Permit? _____YES or _____NO

If yes: _____ 1 year or less _____between 1 & 3 yrs _____more than 3 yrs

Do you hold a Commercial Oyster Harvester License? _____YES or _____NO

Do you report harvest in MRC mandatory reporting system _____YES Number of years _____

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LEASE INFORMATION

Lease Number: _____ GPS coordinates: _____

Waterbody: _____

Condemnation: _____ Approved _____ Conditionally Condemned

Bottom depth: _____ Greater than 12' _____ Less than 12'

Bottom type: ___SOFT (less than 10% Clutch) ___HARD (greater than 10% clutch) ___HARD (greater than 20% clutch)

SETTING FACILITY INFORMATION

Description of spat on shell setting facility: Existing First Time / New facility

Average % setting efficiency (existing only) _____

Number of tanks _____ Size of tanks _____

OYSTER BED RESTORATION PLAN

Shell source _____

Type of shell for bottom base: _____ Oyster _____ Clam

Bushels of spat-on-shell required for overlay _____

Restoration Acreage _____

Note: This financial assistance is for the preparation of the bottom prior to a spat-on-shell deployment provided by the applicant. Financial assistance does not cover shells or larvae for spat-on-shell production.

VMRC TECHNICAL PRE-APPROVAL This form meets all VMRC eligibility requirements.

Authorized By: _____
(Print) (Signature) Date



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Virginia NRCS Aquaculture Program

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