HOW TO BE NOTIFIED OF A SHELLFISH CONDEMNATION CHANGE

Growing area status can change and it's important to keep up with the most recent classification. It is also important protection in the event of an emergency closure in your growing area, such as a sewage spill. A simple way to do this is to sign up for an email notification from Virginia Department of Health, Shellfish Safety (DSS) specific to your growing area (not the creek name or your address, etc.).

WHAT DOES THE NOTIFICAITON EMAIL ENTAIL?

You will receive an email with details of what has changed along with a direct link to the modified shellfish closure document. There are over 100 growing areas, so it's important to be specific to the growing area(s) of interest to limit the number of notifications. Not all notifications will mean a change for your garden location, but a quick review of the report will let you know whether or not it applies.

To be notified by email of a change to your area, make the request by email to:

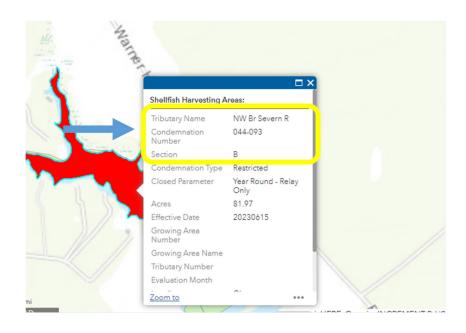
Daniel Powell daniel.powell@vdh.virginia.gov

Subject: "Request notice of classification change"

Include: your full name, cell phone, email, and the following growing area information: tributary name, condemnation number and Section

HOW DO I FIND MY GROWING AREA INFORMATION?

To look up your growing area information refer to the fact sheet: **Where can I find growing area classifi- cation information?** and follow the directions for Option 1.





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