

Potomac River Fisheries Commission Perspectives & Priorities

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First Fatality In Potomac River Oyster War

Legislative Program Hailed As Success

County Legislator
Gives Promise And
Performance Record

State Senator John Thomas Patten, Jr., today claimed that the local legislative program sponsored by himself and Delegate Linton and Mitchell carried out almost to the letter what the Democrats promised to do in their platform just before the November election. He said that the people of the County should "look with confidence as any future program the Democrats advocate as they can not assume that it will be done."

Senator Patten stated that the party on the State level had also done a wonderful job but in all honesty he was not pleased with the way the Teacher Pay Issue and the loss of the State Employees' Bureaus. He made it known that he would fight for both of these bills in the next session of the Legislature.

In order to give the people of Charles County an outline of what was promised by the Democrats and how the program was carried out Senator Patten before his speech stated that the platform was in fact and nearly wholly

MD. Legislature
Ends Abruptly As
House Adjourns

The 1928 session of the Maryland Legislature came to its abrupt end last Saturday when the House of Delegates adjourned, leaving the Senate powerless to act.

The sudden adjournment came two days in advance of the Constitutional deadline of 90 days for odd-year sessions of the Legislature.

Bills Enacted

Among the major bills enacted were:

State Roads: The present three-year extension is to be extended effective June 1 and included with a semi-annual group representing the State's geographical areas. A highway division will be in charge of major arteries while the other six counties will handle secondary roads.

Potomac Compact: Maryland and Virginia will join in negotiating fishing rights in the Potomac should the bill be approved by the Virginia Legislature.

Budget: A record-breaking \$10,000,000 budget was approved and sent to the Governor.

DISCUSS PLANS FOR COUNTY CANCER CRUSADE



Mrs. C. Louise Cox, who will head this year's Cancer Fund Drive in Charles County, discussed plans with John Hanson Mitchell, who headed last year's campaign. —Staff Photo

Mrs. Cox Heads County Cancer Fund Campaign

Mrs. Louise Cox, Campaign Chairman, will lead the 1928 Cancer Crusade in Charles County. It was announced this week by the American Cancer Society, Baltimore.

The Maryland

Formal Opening Planned
For Glymont Library

Friends of Glymont Branch Library, to be located at Potomac Heights, will work with Mary Library Board

OLD HOMES TOUR SLATED FOR APRIL 26

Charles County, adjacent to St. Mary's, will be the second to be seen in Maryland's House and Garden Plantings. Part of the land granted to Cecil Calvert, Lord Baltimore, in 1632, Charles 1 of England in 1650 it was proclaimed a separate county to be called Charles, in honor of his Lordship's son. The sole right to grant land was given to the county. There are

Virginia Dredger Killed Another Wounded

The first fatal shooting in the widely publicized Maryland-Virginia war over oystering in the Potomac River occurred early yesterday morning.

One Virginian was killed and another wounded in the latest skirmish between Maryland's volunteer Fishermen Commission guardsmen and Virginia dredgers.

Youths Charged With Entering Local Store

Two youths, age seventeen and eighteen, were charged with breaking into a store in Jordan Road on April 2nd this week.

The youths were apprehended and brought in for questioning after a investigation had been made by deputies Massey and James of the Charles County Sheriff's Department.

Frank Glendon, owner of the store, stated that most of the merchandise, which consisted of clothing, was recovered.

Commissioners Proclaim Music Contest Day

The Charles County Commissioners announced a proclamation this week marking May 12th as Louis International Music Student Contest Day in Charles County.

The proclamation reads as follows:

The Dead And Wounded

Reckley B. Shaw, 31, a lawyer and developer of "Reckley Sub-Division" in "Wheaton" and County, died within a 90 minutes after he was hit below the heart by a 38-caliber pistol shot. In addition to his other activities he had been oystering during the current season.

The wounded man was Harvey King, 22, of Colonial Beach, who received a bullet wound in the belly part of one leg. He was taken to Mary Washington Hospital in Fredericksburg.

Mr. King is a veteran of the Outer War. He was awarded a 1918 by Maryland authorities on a charge of violating the anti-dredging laws. His boat was hit with bullets on three occasions while being pursued by a Maryland patrol boat.

May Prey Possible Chops

George W. Downing, State Attorney for Charles County, which has retained a

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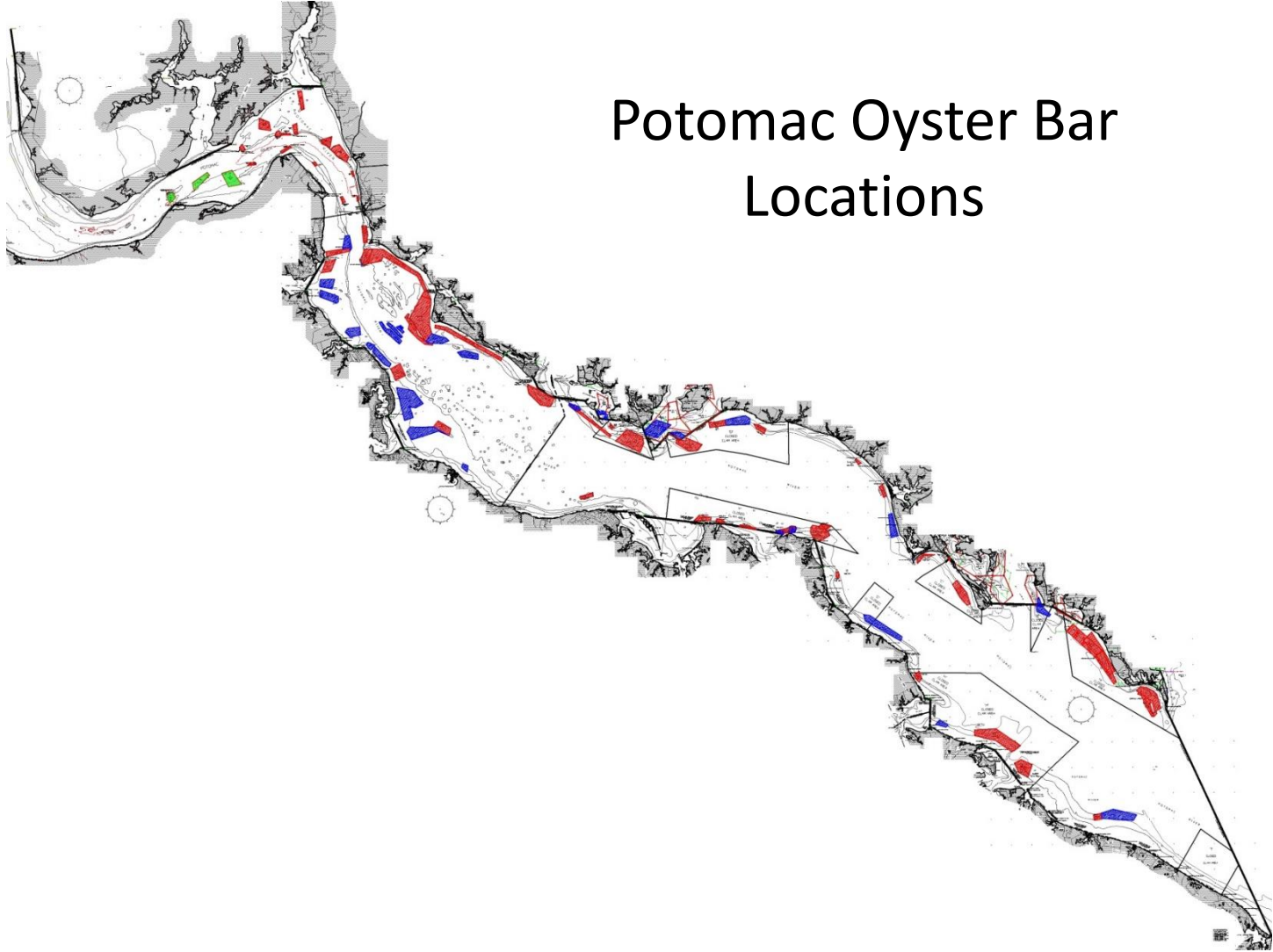
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*To Conserve & Improve
the Fisheries Resources of the Tidal Potomac River*

- The adoption of the Maryland and Virginia Potomac River Compact of 1958 and the establishment of the Potomac River Fisheries Commission were in direct response to the historical conflicts between the MD & VA Oystermen and law enforcement during the late 1940's and most of the 1950's
- PRFC held its 1st meeting in January, 1963
- The PRFC regulates all recreational and commercial fishing, crabbing, oyster harvesting and clamming in the main stem tidal Potomac River, issues licenses for those activities and monitors harvest

Potomac Oyster Bar Locations



PRFC Perspectives

The Potomac River Fisheries Commission
functions as a “laboratory” of fisheries
management



PRFC OYSTER AQUASCULTURE CONSORTIUM



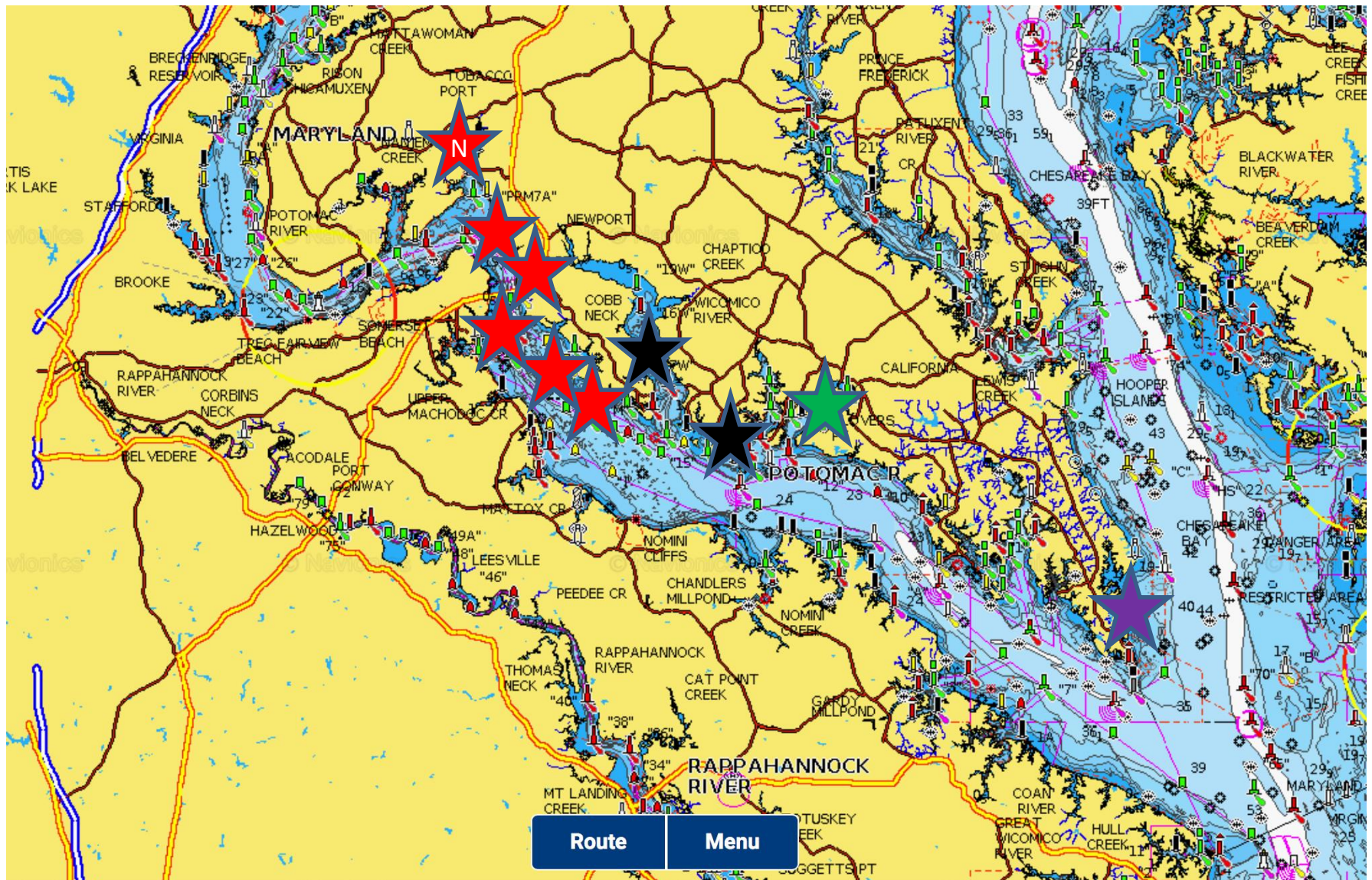
PRFC ROTATIONAL SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREAS FOR OYSTERS



PRFC OYSTER SMA FOR ECOLOGICAL SERVICES



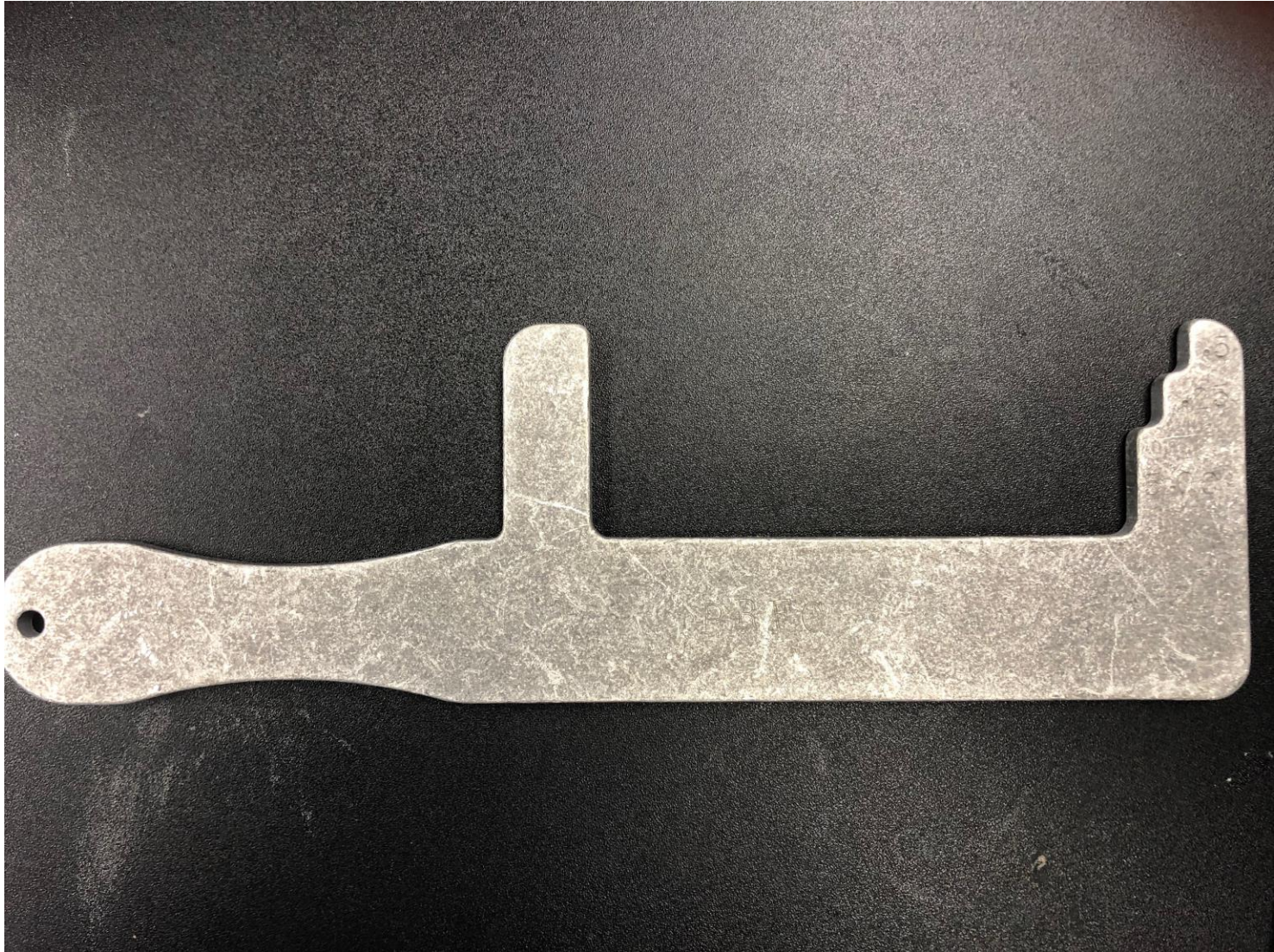
PRFC OYSTER PROJECTS



PRFC COMMERCIAL CRABBING EFFORT ACCOUNTABILITY



PRFC COMMERCIAL CRAB MANAGEMENT
5.25" MINIMUM SIZE



PRFC Priorities

Water Quality



Potomac River Water Quality, TMDL Request

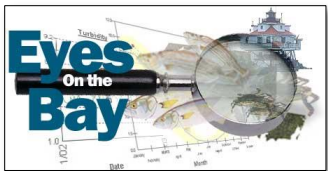
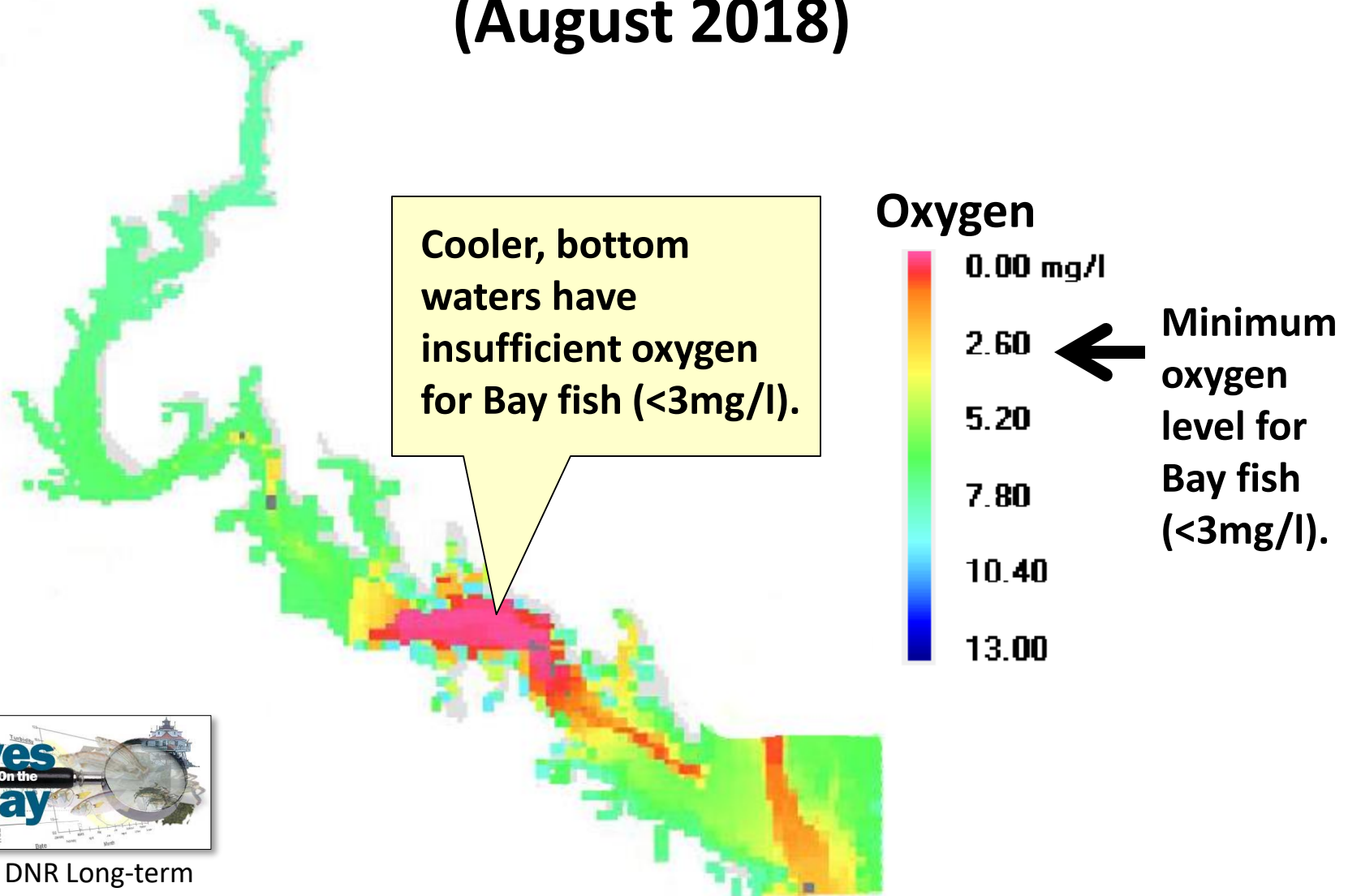
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Via Tom Parham

MD DNR

Resource Assessment Service

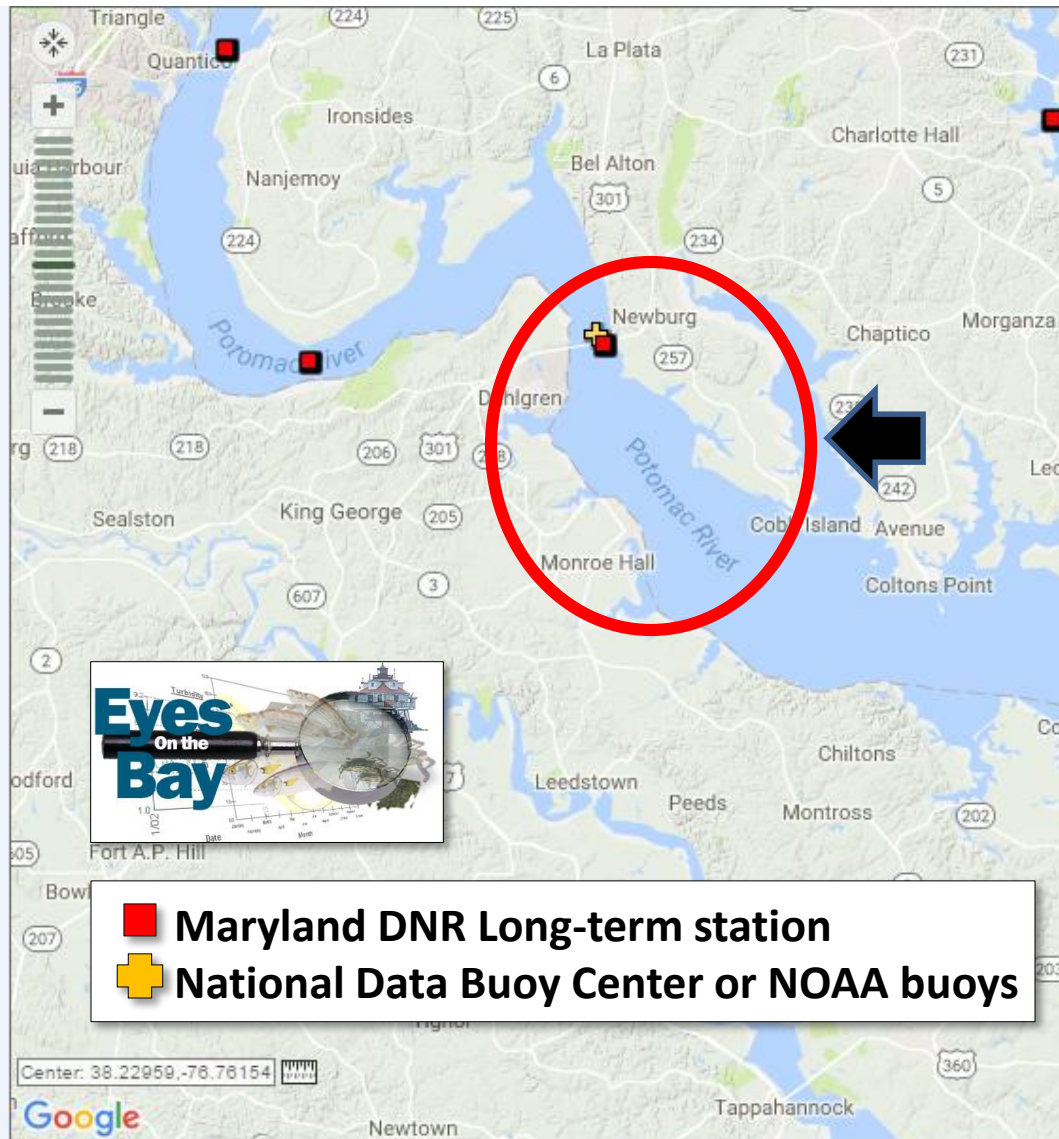
Oxygen Conditions in the Potomac River (August 2018)



MD DNR Long-term
Monitoring Program

Below Average Salinity since June 2018

(Route 301 Bridge/ Colonial Beach)



RET2.4 - Morgantown Bridge (Rte 301)

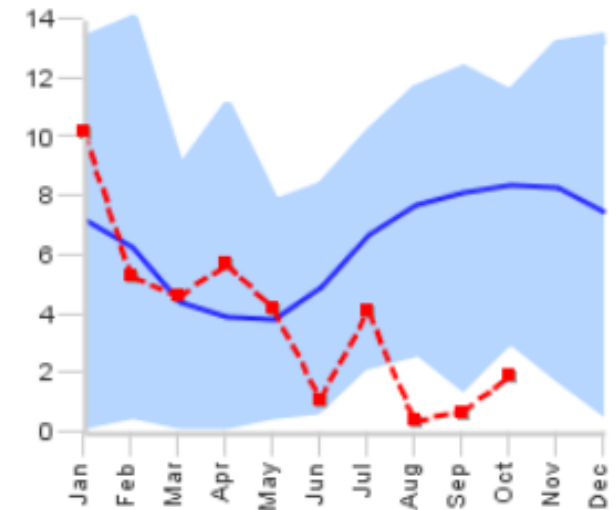
Long-Term Fixed Station Description:

This station is an oligohaline (salinity 0.5 to 5 ppt) site in the mid-channel of the Potomac River.

Current Data vs. Long-Term Results:

[Dissolved Oxygen](#) / [Water Temperature](#)
[Secchi Depth](#) / [Salinity](#) / [pH](#)

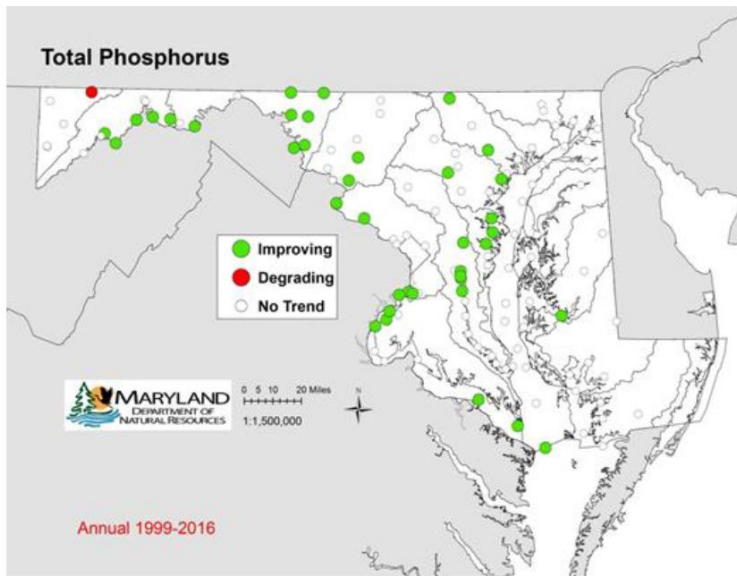
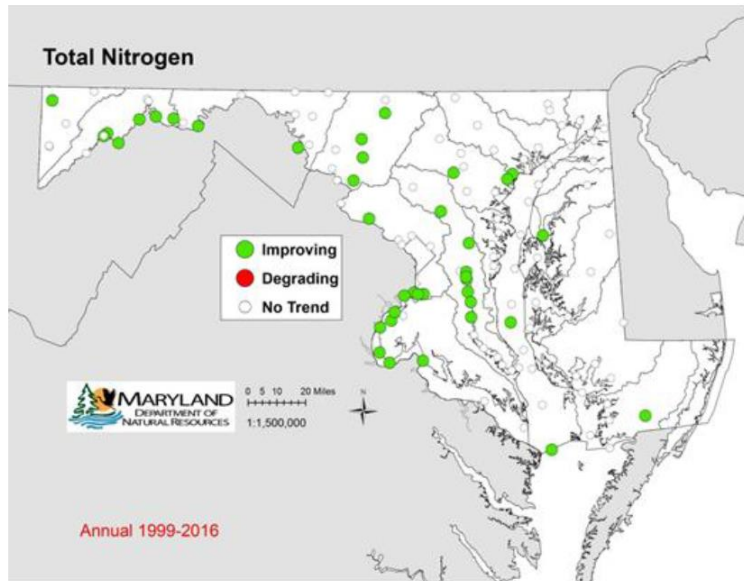
Surface Salinity (ppt)



[View more Fixed-Station Charts](#)

TMDL Take-home Points

- **Nutrient Reduction Works** - Our long-term efforts to reduce pollution have led to local improvements in our air, land and water. We are seeing improving trends for Nitrogen and Phosphorus in the Potomac watershed.
- While benthic community conditions are still degraded, we are seeing improvements to the benthic community at some Potomac River sites.
- **Continue to Focus on Local Actions** - Since even the smallest streams eventually drain to the Bay, waterway improvements start in the streams and rivers and eventually appear in Bay waters.
- **Take Part in developing WIP's** – Draft plans being developed over next several months by local jurisdictions to meet local, regional and watershed load allocations.
- **Challenges** - However, more actions need to be completed to see visible improvements in the majority of the Bay's tidal areas and reach our goal conditions for fish, crabs, oysters and bay grasses.

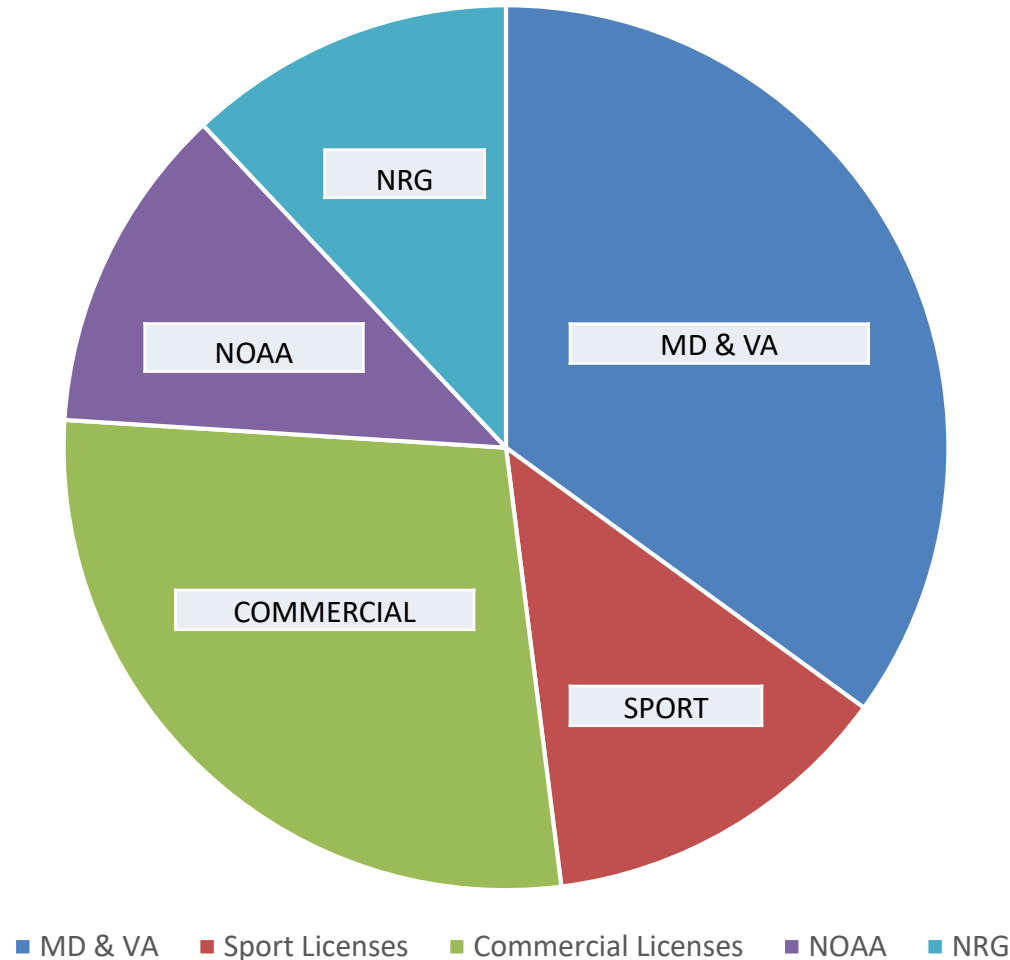


PRFC Priorities

FUNDING

REVENUE SOURCES

FY 2017-2018 Final
\$817,399



PRFC Priorities

MD & VA FUNDING of PRFC

	<u>MARYLAND</u>	<u>VIRGINIA</u>
1963 - 1974	\$50,000	\$50,000
1975 - 1976	\$75,000	\$75,000
1977 - 1981	\$100,000	\$100,000
1982 - 1998	\$150,000	\$150,000
1998 - 2000	\$165,558	\$165,558
2000 - 2001	\$150,000	\$175,000
2001 - 2006	\$155,000	\$155,000
2006 - 2009	\$175,000	\$175,000
2010	\$175,000	\$148,750
2011	\$140,000	\$148,750
2012 - 2018	\$140,000	\$148,750

Questions?

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