



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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NOTICE OF ESTABLISHMENT AND DESCRIPTION OF SHELLFISH AREA
EMERGENCY CONDEMNATION
NUMBER 053-137B, POQUOSON RIVER

EFFECTIVE 17 DECEMBER 2025

- 1. Pursuant to §28.2-809, §32.1-13, §32.1-20 and §2.2-4002 B.16, and §2.2-4028 of the Code of Virginia, an emergency closure in the Poquoson River is hereby established 17 December 2025. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to take shellfish from this area for any purpose except by permit granted by the Marine Resources Commission, as provided in Section 28.2-810 of the Code of Virginia. The boundaries of this area are shown on the map titled "Poquoson River, Emergency Condemned Shellfish Area Number 053-137B, 17 December 2025" which is a part of this notice.
2. Because the area described below may have been subjected to a sewage spill likely containing pathogenic bacteria and viruses, and because the area is not a safe area from which to take shellfish for direct marketing, and because shellfish exist in this area, an emergency exists and the immediate promulgation of this regulation is needed to protect the public health.
3. The Department of Health will receive, consider and respond to petitions by any interested person at any time with respect to reconsideration or revision of this emergency condemnation.

BOUNDARIES OF EMERGENCY CLOSURE 053-137B

The condemned area shall include that portion of the Poquoson River upstream of latitude / longitude map coordinate (37°11'35.1",-76°23'25.3") and (37°10'13.4",-76°21'01.3"); but excludes any areas otherwise classified as condemned by separate order.

Recommended by: Danielle Schools
Director, Division of Shellfish Safety
Ordered by: Karen Shelton MD
Karen Shelton MD (Dec 16, 2025 15:51:10 EST)
State Health Commissioner
Date: 12/16/25

**Virginia Department of Health
Poquoson River
Emergency Condemned Shellfish Area
Number 053-137B
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0 5000 10000
Feet

Chesapeake Bay
01-00-00

-  Emergency Condemned Shellfish Area
-  Routine Condemned Shellfish Areas



York
County

(37°11'35 1", 76°23'25 3")

Poquoson River
10-46-00

(37°10'13.4", 76°10'13")

York
County

City of Poquoson

Geographic coordinates in NAD83 datum;
shown in degrees, minutes & seconds.

