

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Division of Shellfish Sanitation Staff

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SUBJECT: Seawater - Procedure - Relay Areas

In order to fulfill the Division's responsibilities under section 28.2-818 of the Code of Virginia for assuring the suitability of relay areas for shellfish cleansing, the following will be carried out:

- The locations proposed for the case relaying of clams and oysters are approved in the Central Office by the Classification Chief when the VMRC application for such activity is received.
- Locations for loose relaying are approved in the Central Office by the Classification Chief when the first request for a "Permit to Remove Shellfish" from any given location is received from VMRC. A location map is provided by VMRC and kept by the Classification Chief for reference.
- The Field Offices will be informed of these locations in order that they may be aware of such activity during seawater runs. If it appears that relaying is being carried out in restricted areas, VMRC should be notified immediately.