



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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NOTICE OF ESTABLISHMENT AND DESCRIPTION OF SHELLFISH AREA
EMERGENCY CONDEMNATION
NUMBER 69S, JAMES RIVER

EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 20, 2025 THROUGH MARCH 1, 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 on the James River and its tributaries is hereby established February 20, 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 map titled "James River, Condemned Shellfish Area Number 69S, Emergency Closure, March 1, 2025" which is a part of this notice.
2. Because the area described below has been subjected to floodwaters 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 regulation. The area will be reopened once it has been shown to meet the guidelines for an approved shellfish harvesting area.

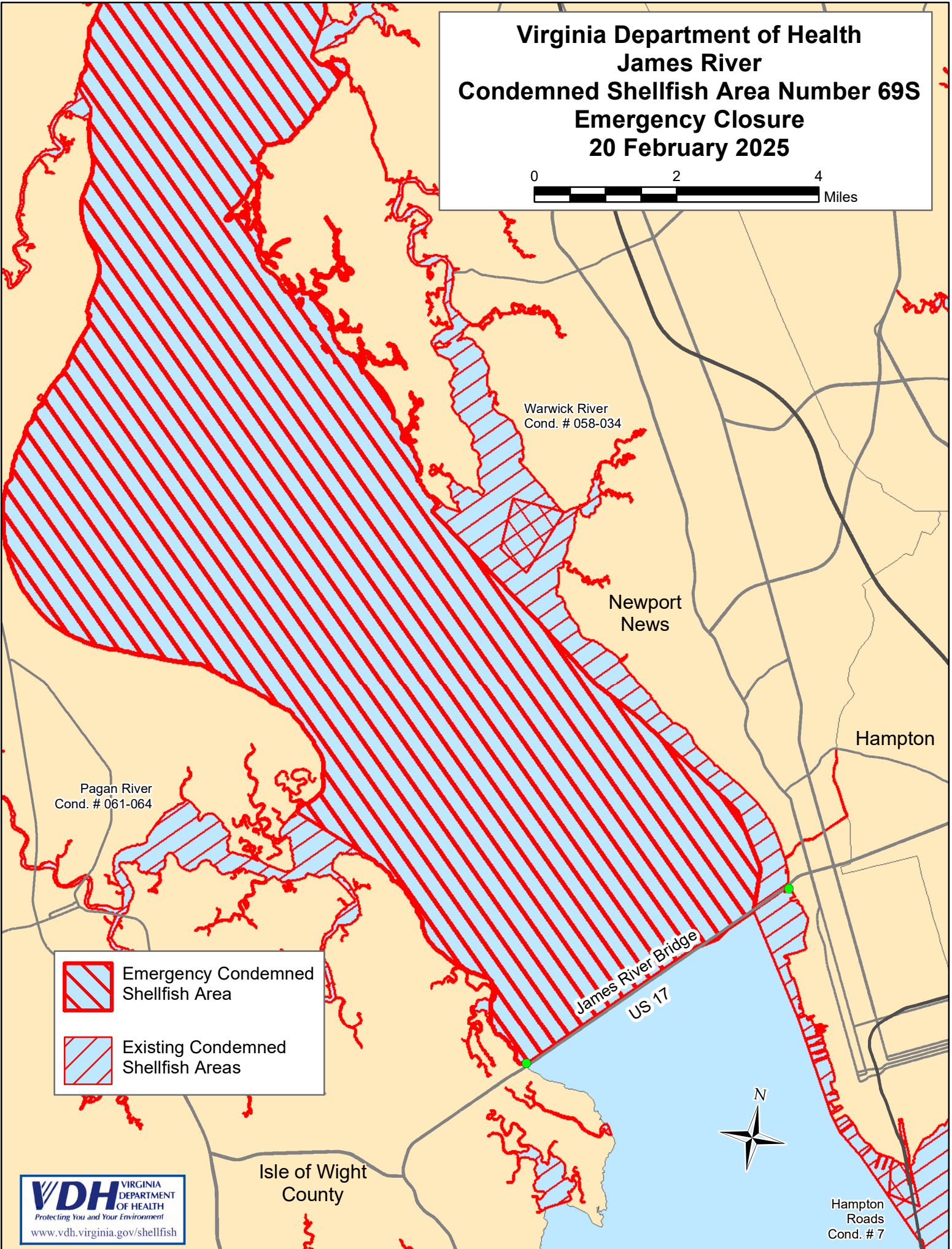
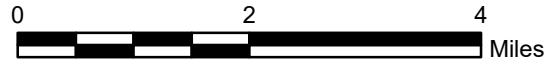
BOUNDARIES OF EMERGENCY CLOSURE 69S



The condemned area shall include that portion of the lower James River and its tributaries located upstream of the James River Bridge, excluding any areas otherwise classified as condemned by separate order.

Recommended by: Danielle Schools
Danielle Schools (Feb 18, 2025 10:46 EST)
Director, Division of Shellfish Safety

Ordered by: Karen Shelton MD 02/18/25
State Health Commissioner Date

**Virginia Department of Health
James River
Condemned Shellfish Area Number 69S
Emergency Closure
20 February 2025**



-  Emergency Condemned Shellfish Area
-  Existing Condemned Shellfish Areas

