

NSSP Language	Virginia Legal Language	Description
Approved (all areas not listed as Condemned)		Open for harvest year-round
Conditionally Approved	Seasonally Approved	<p>Open for harvest unless a 'condition' has been met. If that condition is met, the area will be converted to closed (restricted) for a set duration of time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some areas normally open to harvest are temporarily placed in closed status due to a predictable pollution trigger which could be <u>seasonal</u>, in the case of marinas. • Rainfall-based conditionally approved waters are in the CLOSED status for 10 days if rainfall exceeds a rainfall threshold (view VDH DSS video for a more detailed explanation).
Restricted	Condemned, relay allowed by permit	Closed to shellfish harvest. However, harvest may be allowed by special VMRC relay permit. Relaying is a process where shellfish from areas with only moderate levels of pollution can be moved to an approved area where they will purge the contaminants (view Regulatory Framework page for more information).
Prohibited	Condemned	No harvest of market shellfish. Areas with more significant pollution, such as heavy metals or toxins, that the relay process is not sufficient to purge.