

JPA Quick Facts

- ★ Joint Permit Applications (JPA) are **required** for individuals who wish to grow shellfish **floating on top** or **suspended** within the water column.
- ★ JPAs are processed jointly by the VMRC and the US Army Corps of Engineers.
- ★ Aquaculture JPAs are issued for 5-year terms and may be renewed for additional 5-year terms.
- ★ JPAs require a public interest review process.



QUESTIONS ABOUT JPAs?

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JPA FAQ's

Q: Do I need a regular on-bottom oyster ground lease to apply for a JPA?

A: A regular oyster ground lease is not necessary to apply for a JPA

Q: Who is notified through the JPA public interest review process?

A: Upland waterfront property owners within 500 feet of the project and adjacent leaseholders are notified directly of new JPAs. Additionally, an advertisement is run in a local newspaper and the application is posted on the VMRC website.

Q: Will I need to acquire a bond to cover my JPA?

A: The VMRC requires a surety bond to be issued which covers the 5-year term of the JPA.

Q: Do I need a JPA to grow shellfish on my private lease in structures extending no higher than 12" off the bottom?

A: Individuals do not need a JPA to grow shellfish in on-bottom structures provided that the structures do not exceed 12" off the bottom.

Q: How do I apply for a JPA?

A: JPA applications can be found at the Army Corps website at:

<https://www.nao.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/JPA.aspx>

Q: What are the fees associated with JPAs?

A: There is a \$100 application fee for JPAs, along with a project-dependent permit fee. There is also a fee for the newspaper advertisement and project-dependent yearly royalties are also due.