



HARBOR COMMITTEE MEETING

November 07, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Municipal Building Conference Room

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC COMMENT

AGENDA ADOPTION

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CONSIDER CONTRACT FOR FUEL TANK PAINTING

REVIEW SCHEDULE FOR HILL CLEANUP

REVIEW APPLICATION FOR NO WAKE ZONES

- [1.](#) No Wake Zone Memo

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Town of Chincoteague, Inc.



TO: Mayor Lenoard and Members of the Committee
FROM: Michael Tolbert, Town Manager
DATE: November 7, 2024
SUBJECT: No Wake Zones

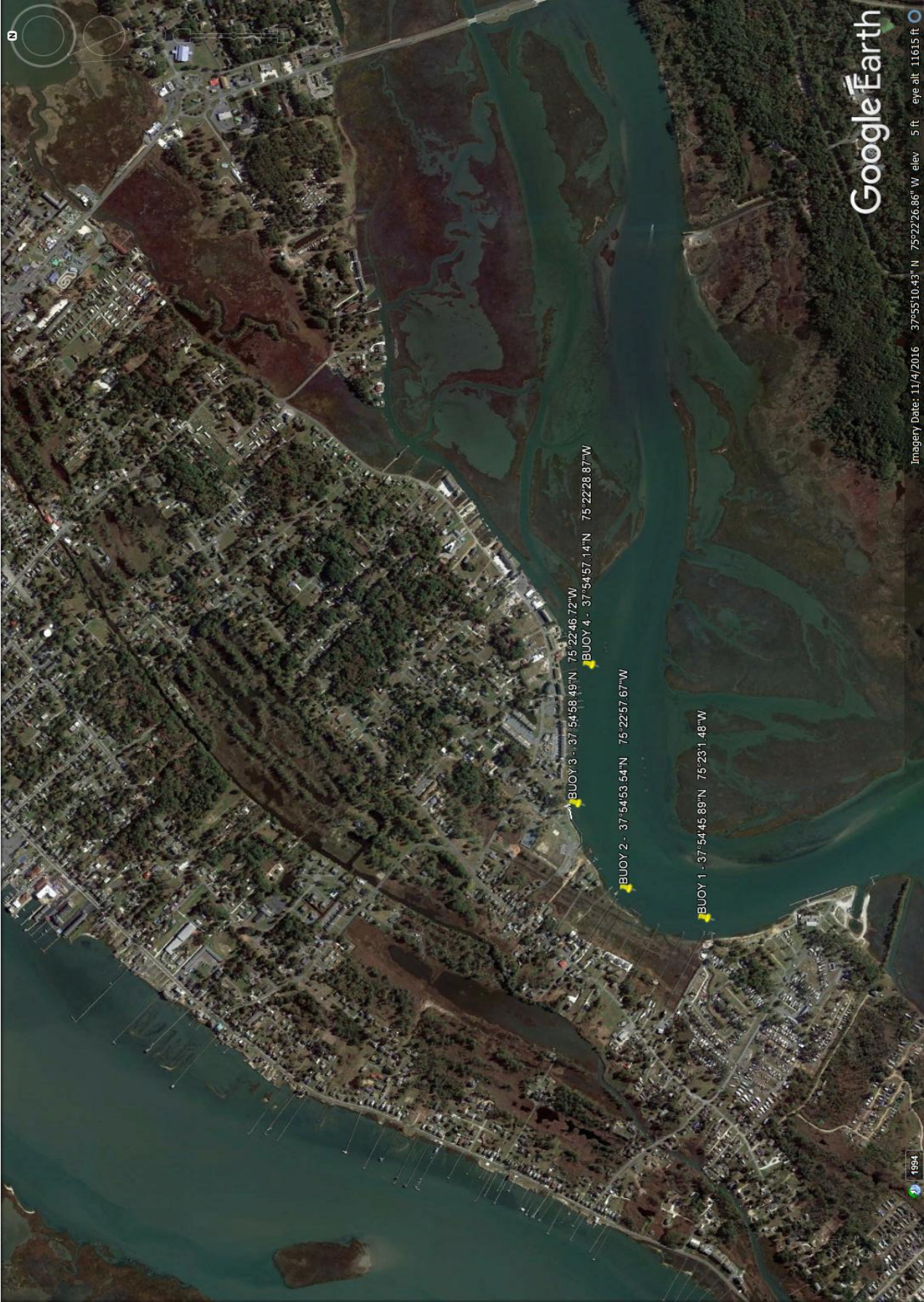
Under § 29.1-744 of the Code of Virginia the Town may apply for the placement of ‘no wake’ buoys:

“Any political subdivision of this Commonwealth may, at any time, but only after public notice, formally apply to the Board or the Department Wildlife Resources, for special rules and regulations with reference to the safe and reasonable operation of vessels on any water within its territorial limits and shall specify in the application the reasons which make the special rules or regulations necessary or appropriate.”

At the September 19th, 2024 meeting, Council approved the Chincoteague Channel no wake zone as recommended by the Harbor Committee on September 5, however, according to the VMRC, the 2017 no wake zone application for Assateague Channel, was never approved by the DWR Board and therefore does not currently exist. We will therefore be submitting an application for both zones to the DWR Board.

The creation of a no wake zone requires the public to be given notice prior to submission of the application. The attached notice describing both zones will be advertised in the Eastern Shore Post on November 15 and 22 for discussion and approval at the December 2 Council meeting.

Included here is a depiction of both the Chincoteague Channel and Assateague Channel Zones as well as an ordinance that defines and codifies each.







PUBLIC NOTICE

PROPOSED NO WAKE ZONES

The Town of Chincoteague is considering an application to the Department Wildlife Resources to establish no-wake zones in the waters surrounding Chincoteague Island. The areas under consideration include Assateague Channel from Tom’s Cove Aquafarms to Sheepshead Creek; Chincoteague Channel from The Waterside Inn to North of Lewis Creek; This matter will be considered in the December 2nd, 2024, Town Council Meeting.

Ordinance:

ARTICLE III. USE OF OTHER TOWN WATER RELATED FACILITIES

DIVISION 1. GENERALLY

Sec. 70_124. Provisions regulating boat wakes in and adjacent to any such facility **and other areas in the waters surrounding Chincoteague.**

All boats entering, leaving, or navigating in or within 100 feet of any such facility shall be operated in such a manner so as not to create a swell sufficient to cause damage to the other boats moored, anchored, offloading, loading, or utilizing the boat ramps at such facility

All boats entering, leaving, or navigating in the waters known as Chincoteague Channel, from a point adjacent to the South end of Black Narrows Marsh approximately 4,300 feet Southwest of the Route 175 bridge to a point 1800 feet northeast of the Route 175 bridge which shall include waters know as Lewis Creek, shall be operated in such a manner so as not to create a wake.

All boats entering, leaving, or navigating in or within 200 feet of the Chincoteague Island shoreline in the waters known as Assateague Channel, from a point 1800 feet north of Black Point Landing to the mouth of Sheepshead Creek, shall be operated in such a manner so as not to create a wake.

The Committee is asked to approve the ordinance for recommendation to Council.