

Buck's Online

The Watermen: Chesapeake Bay Foundation Hat

This CBF Oyster Corps hat was produced by the Oyster Alliance of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. Formed in 1967 to provide the Chesapeake private sector, the CBF heads research to uphold government regulations such as the Clean Water Act and runs seventeen education centers around the Bay (22). The CBF Oyster Alliance, which partners with watermen across Virginia, runs the Virginia Oyster Restoration Center at Gloucester Point, only a few miles from Buck's Store. This center works to educate locals and aquatic farmers as well as “promote commercial oyster aquaculture” (23). Buck's may have acquired this cap simply by geographic proximity to the CBF oyster research facility, but the local watermen have been involved with the CBF and other state-wide organizations concerning fishing regulations. VA Marine Science personnel, which is associated with the CBF, have worked with Guinea watermen like Edward K. Brown to confirm fishing records (24).