

**Public Notice**  
**Maryland Department of Natural Resources**  
**Fishing and Boating Services**  
**Application for Shellfish Aquaculture Lease – John B. Horseman #561, Dorchester County**

The Secretary of Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR), pursuant to Natural Resources Article, §4-11A-09(g), Annotated Code of Maryland, is giving notice of an application for a shellfish aquaculture submerged land lease by John B. Horseman in Madison Bay, Dorchester County, Maryland, located approximately 400' east of Woolford Neck and 730' north of red channel marker "4" near the entrance of the Madison Bay Channel. The proposed lease area is located in the Little Choptank River oyster sanctuary. The area applied for contains 36.5 acres more or less and is enclosed by a line beginning at corner 1, at or near Lat. 38° 31' 1.4" N., Long. 76° 13' 14.3" W., then running 309° 9' (True), approximately 435 meters to corner 2, at or near Lat. 38° 31' 8.2" N., Long. 76° 13' 30.4" W., then running 0° 0' (True), approximately 440 meters to corner 3, at or near Lat. 38° 31' 22.4" N., Long. 76° 13' 30.4" W., then running 71° 32' (True), approximately 166 meters to corner 4, at or near Lat. 38° 31' 24.2" N., Long. 76° 13' 23.9" W., then running 162° 35' (True), approximately 740 meters to the point of beginning.

The applicant proposes to deposit oyster shell and spat-on-shell as needed within the given area to a maximum depth of three inches for the purpose of culturing Eastern Oyster (*Crassostrea virginica*), and to harvest using methods approved by the Department. Lease corners will be marked in accordance with Code of Maryland Regulations. A map of the proposed lease is available on the Fishing and Boating Services Public Notice web page, [dnr.maryland.gov/Fisheries/Pages/Pub\\_Notices.aspx](http://dnr.maryland.gov/Fisheries/Pages/Pub_Notices.aspx)

The Department will hold a public informational meeting upon written request from a member of the public. In addition, any person who has a specific right, duty, privilege, or interest that is different from that held by the general public and may be adversely affected by the proposed lease may file a Petition of Protest with the Department. Petitions that meet the requirements of Natural Resources Article §4-11A-09(g) shall be forwarded to the Office of Administrative Hearings for adjudication. Comments, written requests for a public informational meeting, and/or Petitions of Protest must be received by the Department of Natural Resources Aquaculture and Industry Enhancement Division 580 Taylor Avenue E-4 Annapolis, MD 21401 by May 16, 2025. For questions about the project or the public notice, please contact the DNR Aquaculture and Industry Enhancement Division at [aquaculturepubliccomment.dnr@maryland.gov](mailto:aquaculturepubliccomment.dnr@maryland.gov) or 410-260-8252.

**Josh Kurtz, Secretary**  
**Maryland Department of Natural Resources**

# Proposed Shellfish Submerged Land Lease NAV Chart Map

John B. Horseman #561 - Madison Bay, Dorchester County, Maryland



Lease Area shown over  
NOAA Raster  
Navigational Charts.

- Proposed Lease
- Land-Based-Sanctuaries and Refuges (state, federal, private, etc)
- Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (VIMS)
- Structures (Piers, Marinas, etc)
- Wetlands of Special State Concern (MD-DNR)
- Active Shellfish Lease
- Proposed Shellfish Lease
- Tidal Wetlands (NWI Wetlands) (excludes E1 type)



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Label	Coordinates	Depth at MLLW
1	38° 31' 1.4" N, 76° 13' 14.3" W	8.0 FT
2	38° 31' 8.2" N, 76° 13' 30.4" W	5.0 FT
3	38° 31' 22.4" N, 76° 13' 30.4" W	6.0 FT
4	38° 31' 24.2" N, 76° 13' 23.9" W	8.5 FT

Corner markers will be used to mark the lease perimeter in accordance with Natural Resources Article §4-11A-10 and will be subject to U.S. Coast Guard approval.

