

**Public Notice**  
**Maryland Department of Natural Resources**  
**Fishing and Boating Services**  
**Application for Shellfish Aquaculture Lease – Jason A. Abbott #566, Somerset 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 Jason A. Abbott in Monie Bay, Somerset County, Maryland, located approximately 350 feet south of Wingate Point and 3,200 feet southwest of channel marker “12”. The area applied for contains 7.1 acres more or less and is enclosed by a line beginning at corner 1, at or near Lat. 38° 13' 34.4" N., Long. 75° 51' 33.3" W., then running 282° 16' (True), approximately 209 meters to corner 2, at or near Lat. 38° 13' 35.8" N., Long. 75° 51' 41.7" W., then running 18° 31' (True), approximately 155 meters to corner 3, at or near Lat. 38° 13' 40.6" N., Long. 75° 51' 39.8" W., then running 109° 1' (True), approximately 192 meters to corner 4, at or near Lat. 38° 13' 38.6" N., Long. 75° 51' 32.3" W., then running 191° 51' (True), approximately 131 meters to the point of beginning.

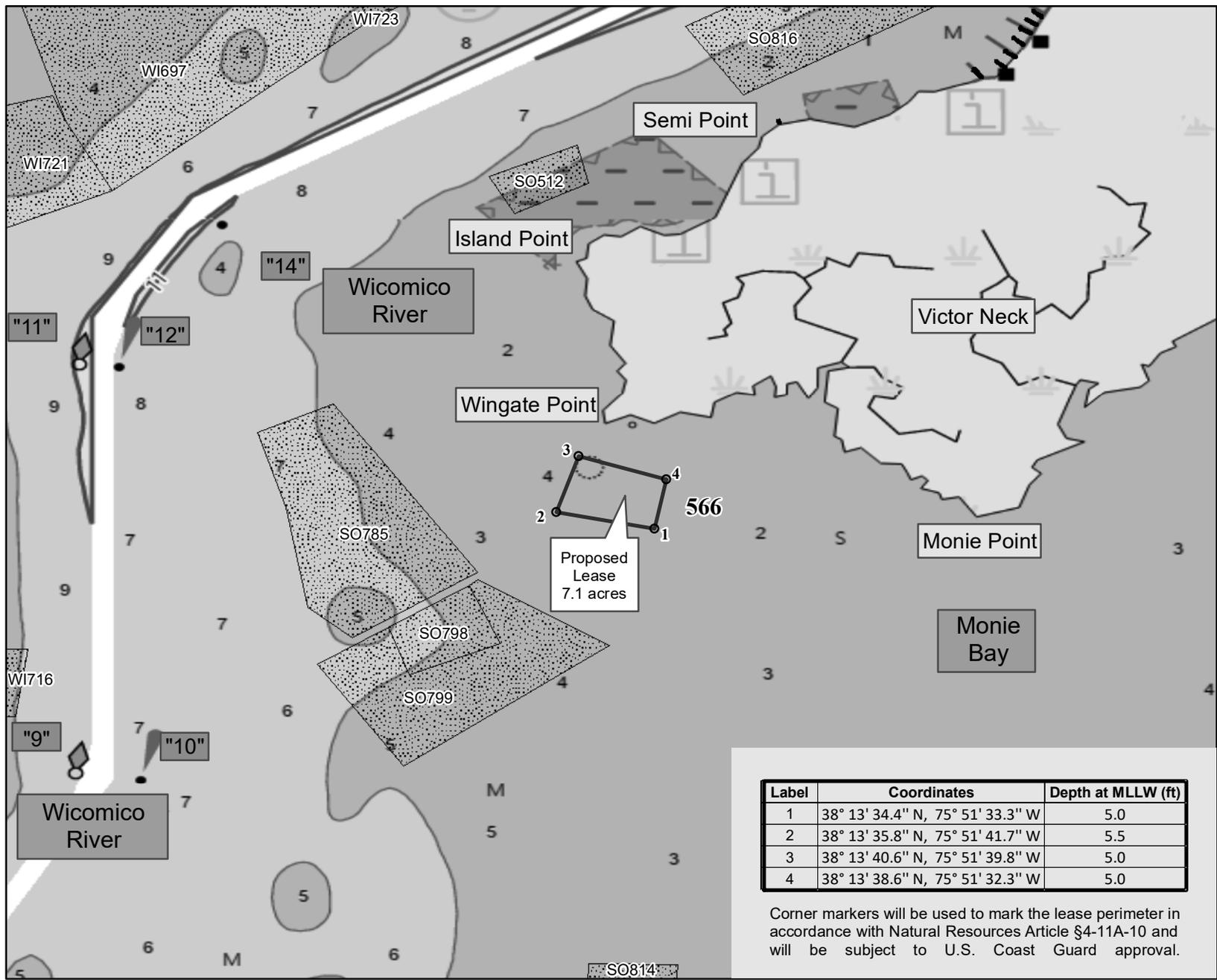
The applicant proposes to deposit oyster shell and spat-on-shell as needed within the given area to a maximum depth of three inches for the purpose of culturing Eastern Oyster (*Crassostrea virginica*), and to harvest using methods approved by the Department. Lease corners will be marked in accordance 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 any person whose request also contains their name, mailing address and email address and is received by November 28, 2025. 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 protesting the issuance of the lease by November 28, 2025 or within seven days after a public informational meeting held by the Department. A protest filed with the Department must contain all of the following to be considered valid: 1) the name, mailing address and email address of the protestant; 2) a statement indicating that the protestant intends to protest the lease and the reasons for the protest; and 3) a statement describing the protestant's 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. 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, requests for a public informational meeting, and/or Petitions of Protest must be received in writing by the Department of Natural Resources Aquaculture and Industry Enhancement Division by email to [aquaculturepubliccomment.dnr@maryland.gov](mailto:aquaculturepubliccomment.dnr@maryland.gov) or by mail to 580 Taylor Avenue E-4, Annapolis, MD 21401 by the established deadlines. For questions about the project or the public notice, please contact the DNR Aquaculture and Industry Enhancement Division at 410-260-8252 or [aquaculturepubliccomment.dnr@maryland.gov](mailto:aquaculturepubliccomment.dnr@maryland.gov).

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

# Proposed Shellfish Submerged Land Lease NAV Chart Map

Jason A. Abbott #566 -Monie Bay, Somerset County, Maryland



Lease Area shown over NOAA Raster Navigational Charts.

- Proposed Submerged Land 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 (ft)
1	38° 13' 34.4" N, 75° 51' 33.3" W	5.0
2	38° 13' 35.8" N, 75° 51' 41.7" W	5.5
3	38° 13' 40.6" N, 75° 51' 39.8" W	5.0
4	38° 13' 38.6" N, 75° 51' 32.3" W	5.0

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.

