

Public Notice
Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Fishing and Boating Services
**Application for Shellfish Aquaculture Lease – Wylie M. Abbott, Jr., Jason M. Abbott,
Pamela J. Abbott & Kristin N. Abbott #569, 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 water column lease by Wylie M. Abbott, Jr., Jason M. Abbott, Pamela J. Abbott, and Kristin N. Abbott in Fishing Bay, Dorchester County, Maryland, located approximately 4,000 feet south of McCready's Point, 2,400 feet east of channel marker "4", and directly abutting other shellfish leases held by the applicants. The area applied for contains 70.4 acres more or less and is enclosed by a line beginning at corner 1, at or near Lat. 38° 16' 49" N., Long. 75° 59' 42.2" W., then running 325° 3' (True), approximately 178 meters to corner 2, at or near Lat. 38° 16' 53.7" N., Long. 75° 59' 46.4" W., then running 325° 47' (True), approximately 781 meters to corner 3, at or near Lat. 38° 17' 14.4" N., Long. 76° 0' 4.9" W., then running 242° 44' (True), approximately 195 meters to corner 4, at or near Lat. 38° 17' 11.4" N., Long. 76° 0' 12" W., then running 326° 16' (True), approximately 304 meters to corner 5, at or near Lat. 38° 17' 19.6" N., Long. 76° 0' 19" W., then running 62° 36' (True), approximately 369 meters to corner 6, at or near Lat. 38° 17' 25.3" N., Long. 76° 0' 5.6" W., then running 145° 45' (True), approximately 1245 meters to corner 7, at or near Lat. 38° 16' 52.3" N., Long. 75° 59' 36" W., then running 235° 25' (True), approximately 182 meters to the point of beginning.

The applicants propose to place cages, each marked with small bullet float, on bottom up to a maximum of 18 inches high 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.

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 June 23, 2025. For questions about the project or the public notice, please contact the DNR Aquaculture and Industry Enhancement Division at aquaculturepubliccomment.dnr@maryland.gov or 410-260-8252.

Josh Kurtz, Secretary
Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Proposed Shellfish Water Column Lease NAV Chart Map

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