

**Public Notice**  
**Maryland Department of Natural Resources**  
**Fishing and Boating Services**  
**Application for Shellfish Aquaculture Leases – John B. Morris, III & John B. Morris, Jr.**  
**#570 and #571, St. Mary's 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 applications for two shellfish aquaculture submerged land leases by John B. Morris, III and John B. Morris, Jr., in Smith Creek, St. Mary's County, Maryland. The first proposed area (#570), is located approximately 50 feet from the Jutland Neck shoreline and directly abuts the southeast edge of existing lease, SM 790, which is held by the applicants. This proposed lease area contains 4.5 acres, more or less, and is enclosed by a line beginning at beginning at corner 1,at or near Lat. 38° 7' 13.4" N., Long. 76° 24' 18.1" W., then running 281° 1' (True), approximately 96 meters to corner 2, at or near Lat. 38° 7' 14" N., Long. 76° 24' 22" W., then running 18° 8' (True), approximately 65 meters to corner 3,at or near Lat. 38° 7' 16" N., Long. 76° 24' 21.2" W., then running 333° 22' (True), approximately 21 meters to corner 4,at or near Lat. 38° 7' 16.6" N., Long. 76° 24' 21.6" W., then running 45° 38' (True), approximately 34 meters to corner 5,at or near Lat. 38° 7' 17.4" N., Long. 76° 24' 20.6" W., then running 118° 43' (True), approximately 45 meters to corner 6, at or near Lat. 38° 7' 16.7" N., Long. 76° 24' 19" W., then running 71° 44' (True), approximately 69 meters to corner 7, at or near Lat. 38° 7' 17.4" N., Long. 76° 24' 16.3" W., then running 79° 15' (True), approximately 49 meters to corner 8, at or near Lat. 38° 7' 17.7" N., Long. 76° 24' 14.3" W., then running 172° 15' (True), approximately 90 meters to corner 9, at or near Lat. 38° 7' 14.8" N., Long. 76° 24' 13.8" W., then running 256° 14' (True), approximately 77 meters to corner 10, at or near Lat. 38° 7' 14.2" N., Long. 76° 24' 16.9" W., then running 230° 50' (True), approximately 38 meters to the point of beginning.

The second proposed area (#571), is also located approximately 50 feet from the Jutland Neck shoreline and directly abuts the northeast edge of existing lease, SM 790. This proposed lease area contains 1.8 acres more or less and is enclosed by a line beginning at beginning at corner 1, at or near Lat. 38° 7' 21.4" N., Long. 76° 24' 24.8" W., then running 12° 23' (True), approximately 35 meters to corner 2, at or near Lat. 38° 7' 22.5" N., Long. 76° 24' 24.5" W., then running 343° 6' (True), approximately 25 meters to corner 3, at or near Lat. 38° 7' 23.3" N., Long. 76° 24' 24.8" W., then running 23° 42' (True), approximately 34 meters to corner 4, at or near Lat. 38° 7' 24.3" N., Long. 76° 24' 24.2" W., then running 84° 21' (True), approximately 93 meters to corner 5, at or near Lat. 38° 7' 24.6" N., Long. 76° 24' 20.4" W., then running 208° 57' (True), approximately 70 meters to corner 6, at or near Lat. 38° 7' 22.6" N., Long. 76° 24' 21.8" W., then running 179° 37' (True), approximately 25 meters to corner 7, at or near Lat. 38° 7' 21.8" N., Long. 76° 24' 21.8" W., then running 260° 20' (True), approximately 74 meters to the point of beginning.

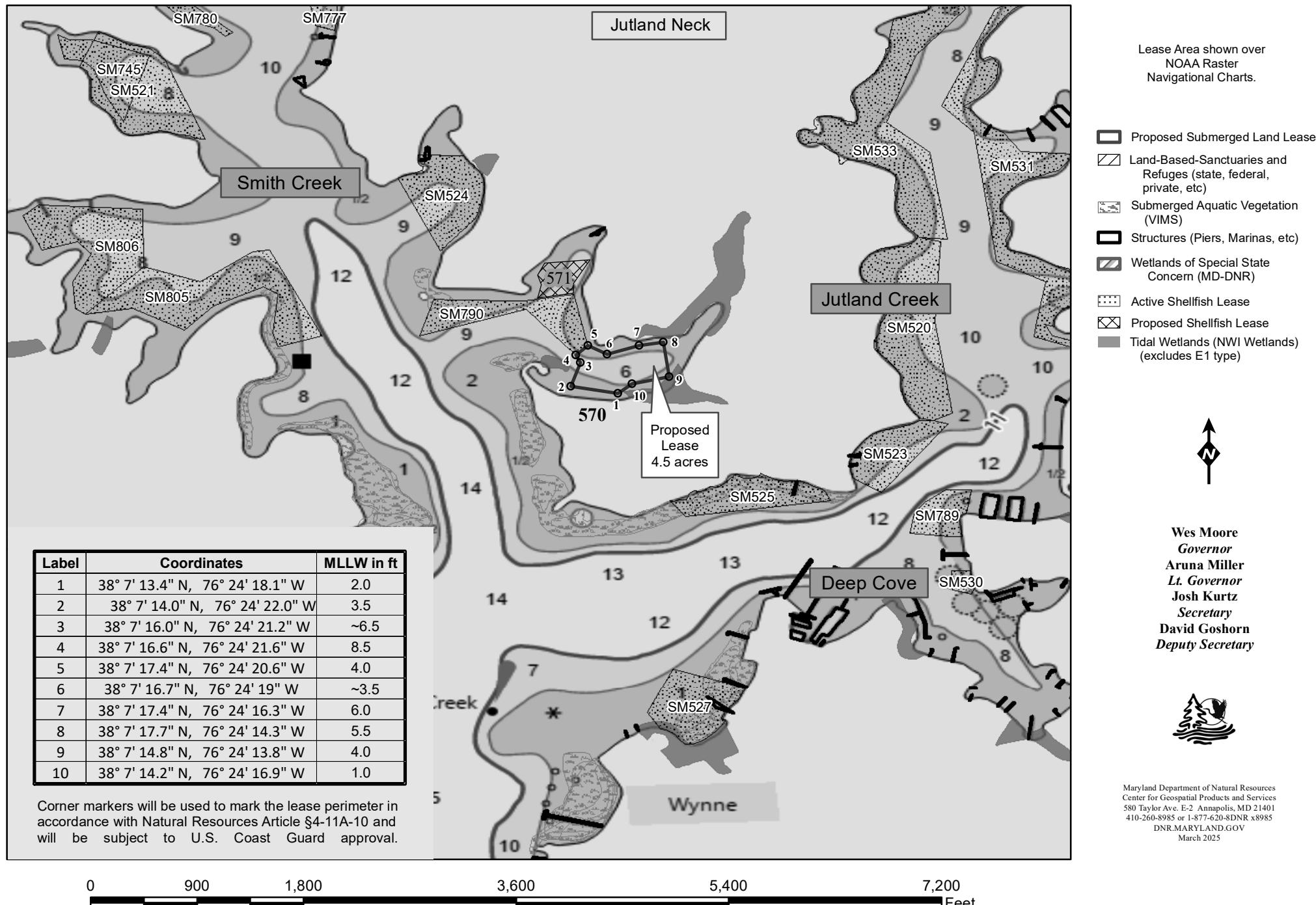
The applicants propose to deposit oyster shell and spat-on-shell as needed within each of the given areas to a maximum depth of 3 inches for the purpose of culturing Eastern Oyster (*Crassostrea virginica*), and to harvest using methods approved by the Department. A map of each of the proposed leases 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 one or both of the proposed leases 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](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

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