

Public Notice
Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Fishing and Boating Services
Application for Shellfish Aquaculture Lease – Ryan S. Zeinog & Jo-Ann J. Adams #572,
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 Ryan S. Zeinog and Jo-Ann J. Adams in the Little Choptank River, Dorchester County, Maryland, located within the Little Choptank oyster sanctuary, approximately 2,300 feet northeast from red channel marker “5” and 3,000 feet east of Ragged Point. The area applied for contains 31.3 acres more or less and is enclosed by a line beginning at corner 1, at or near Lat. 38° 31' 36.6" N., Long. 76° 16' 7.8" W., then running 304° 26' (True), approximately 229 meters to corner 2, at or near Lat. 38° 31' 40.8" N., Long. 76° 16' 15.6" W., then running 352° 57' (True), approximately 633 meters to corner 3, at or near Lat. 38° 32' 1.1" N., Long. 76° 16' 19.3" W., then running 128° 43' (True), approximately 341 meters to corner 4, at or near Lat. 38° 31' 54.4" N., Long. 76° 16' 8.1" W., then running 179° 14' (True), approximately 547 meters to the point of beginning.

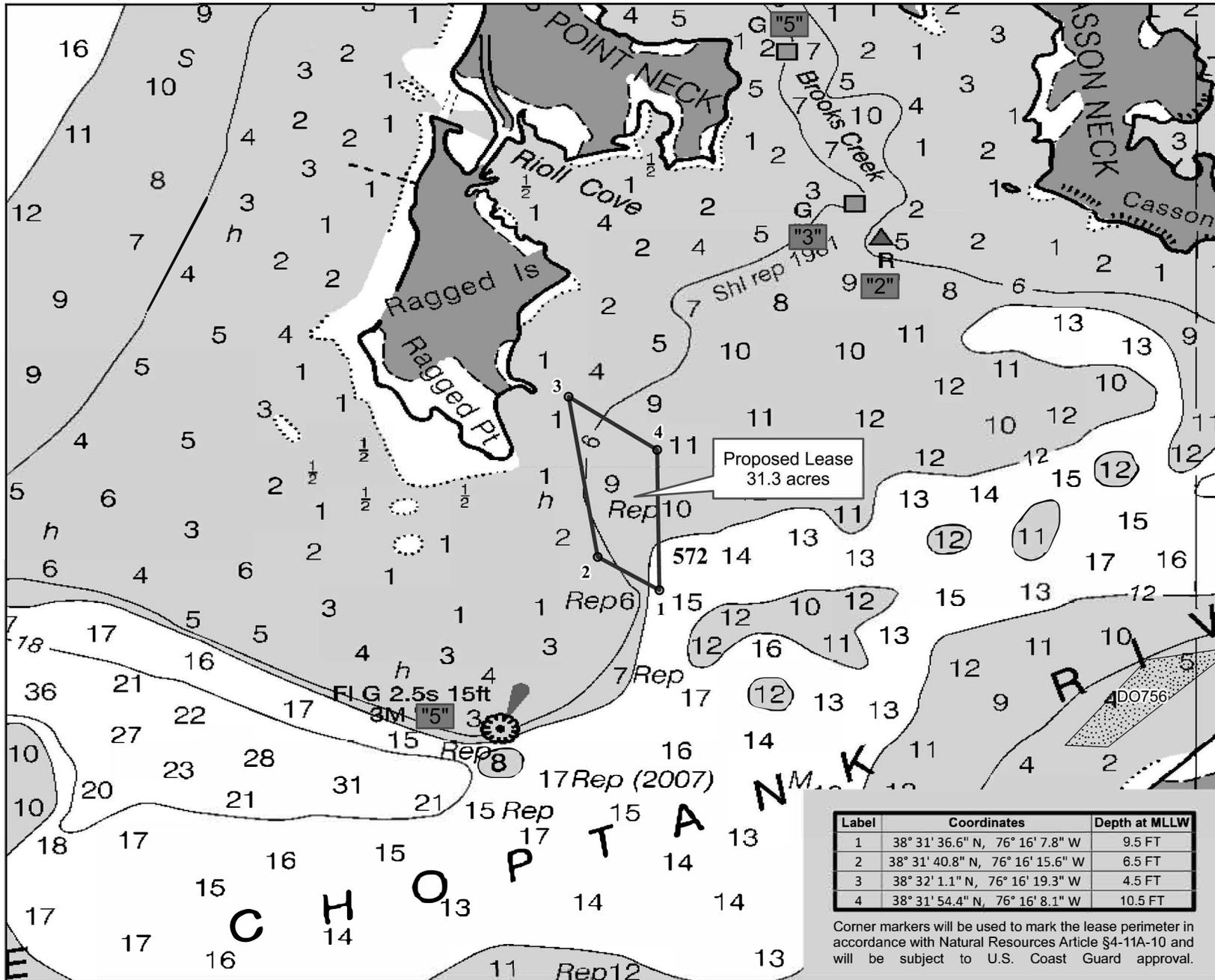
The applicants propose to place a maximum of three inches of oyster spat-on-shell and shell on the bottom for the purpose of culturing Eastern Oyster (*Crassostrea virginica*), and to harvest using methods approved by the Department. Lease corners will be marked in accordance with Code of Maryland Regulations. 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 July 18th, 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 Submerged Land Lease NAV Chart Map

Ryan S. Zeinog & Jo-Ann J. Adams #572 - Little Choptank River, 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' 36.6" N, 76° 16' 7.8" W	9.5 FT
2	38° 31' 40.8" N, 76° 16' 15.6" W	6.5 FT
3	38° 32' 1.1" N, 76° 16' 19.3" W	4.5 FT
4	38° 31' 54.4" N, 76° 16' 8.1" W	10.5 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.

