

Public Notice
Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Fishing and Boating Services
Application for Shellfish Aquaculture Lease Gear Modification –
Lancashire Farms, Inc. #586, Talbot 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 a proposed gear modification application for an existing shellfish aquaculture water column lease, TA 613, held by Lancashire Farms, Inc., in the Harris Creek oyster sanctuary, Talbot County, Maryland. The existing 4.1-acre lease is located approximately 3,800 feet northeast of Rabbit Point in a cove along the western shore of the main branch of Harris Creek, and is enclosed by a line beginning at corner 1, at or near Lat. 38° 46' 53.7" N., Long. 76° 16' 31.5" W., then running 345° 20' (True), approximately 53 meters to corner 2, at or near Lat. 38° 46' 55.4" N., Long. 76° 16' 32.0" W., then running 19° 18' (True), approximately 233 meters to corner 3, at or near Lat. 38° 47' 2.6" N., Long. 76° 16' 28.8" W., then running 96° 1' (True), approximately 95 meters to corner 4, at or near Lat. 38° 47' 2.2" N., Long. 76° 16' 24.9" W., then running 211° 13' (True), approximately 306 meters to the point of beginning.

The applicant intends to continue use of currently approved bottom cages and proposes the addition of up to 25 lines of floating cages within the existing lease footprint. The bottom cages and proposed floating gear may be deployed either concurrently or exclusively within the lease, depending on the season. The applicant plans to continue culturing Eastern oysters (*Crassostrea virginica*), and to harvest using methods approved by the Department. Lease corners will continue to be marked in accordance with Code of Maryland Regulation. A map of the lease area 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 gear modification 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 pertain only to the proposed gear modification, rather than the existing lease footprint or currently authorized lease activities, and must be received by the Department of Natural Resources Aquaculture and Industry Enhancement Division 580 Taylor Avenue E-4 Annapolis, MD 21401 by October 18, 2024. 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.

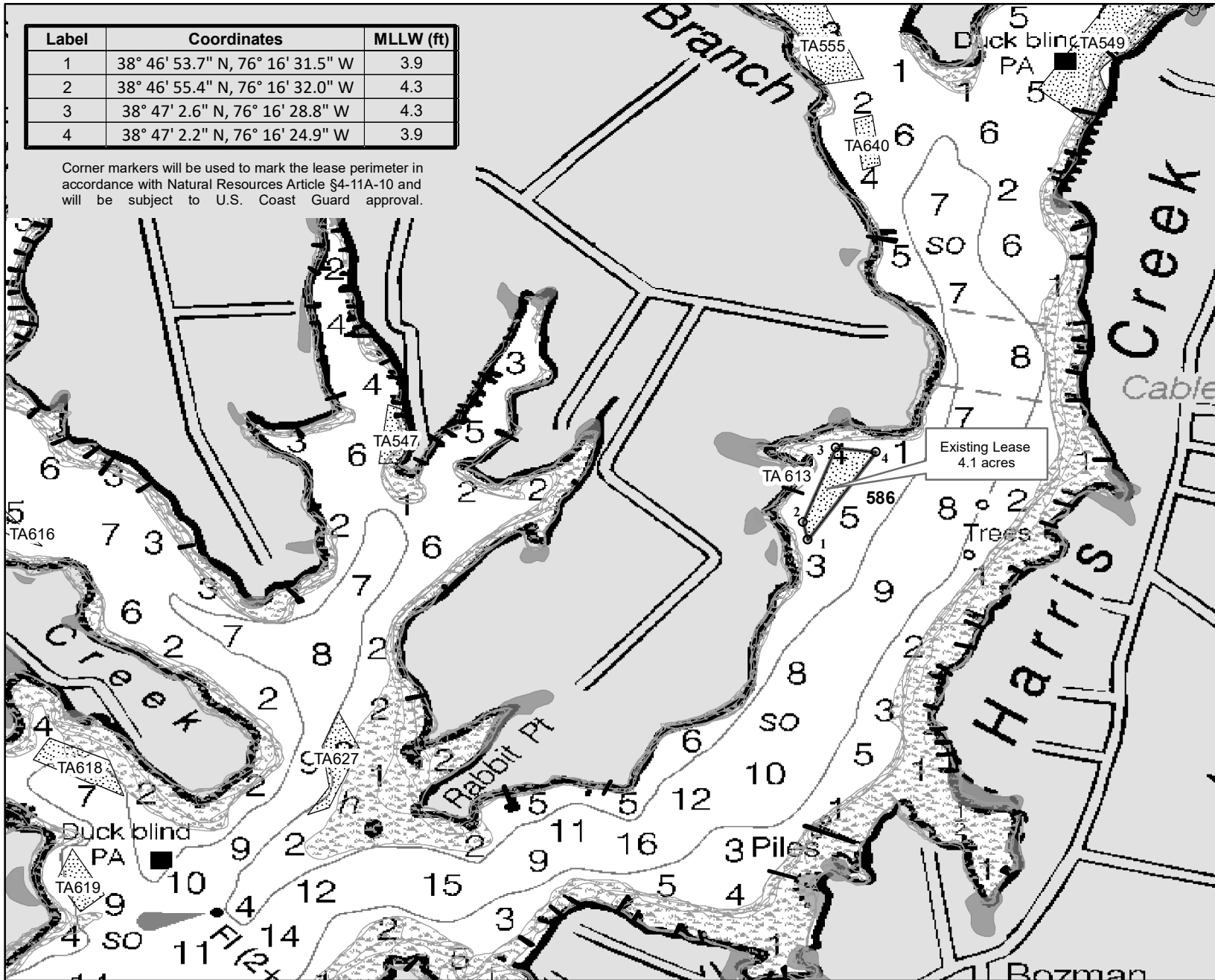
Josh Kurtz, Secretary
Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Proposed Shellfish Water Column Lease Gear Modification NAV Chart Map

Lancashire Farms, Inc. #586 - Harris Creek, Talbot County, Maryland

Label	Coordinates	MLLW (ft)
1	38° 46' 53.7" N, 76° 16' 31.5" W	3.9
2	38° 46' 55.4" N, 76° 16' 32.0" W	4.3
3	38° 47' 2.6" N, 76° 16' 28.8" W	4.3
4	38° 47' 2.2" N, 76° 16' 24.9" W	3.9

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.



Lease Area shown over NOAA Raster Navigational Charts.

- Proposed New Gear Area
- 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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