

**Public Notice**  
**Maryland Department of Natural Resources**  
**Fishing and Boating Services**  
**Application for Shellfish Aquaculture Lease – Ann S. Abey & Paul S. Abey #555,**  
**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 Ann S. Abey and Paul S. Abey in the Choptank River, Dorchester County, Maryland, within the Upper Choptank River Oyster Sanctuary. The proposed lease area, located approximately 1,240 feet east-southeast of channel marker “34” and approximately 1,450 feet west of the mouth of Goose Creek, contains 2.9 acres more or less and is enclosed by a line beginning at at corner 1, at or near Lat. 38° 35' 58" N., Long. 75° 58' 44" W., then running 307° 43' (True), approximately 148 meters to corner 2, at or near Lat. 38° 36' .9" N., Long. 75° 58' 48.9" W., then running 12° 18' (True), approximately 68 meters to corner 3, at or near Lat. 38° 36' 3.1" N., Long. 75° 58' 48.3" W., then running 109° 6' (True), approximately 124 meters to corner 4, at or near Lat. 38° 36' 1.7" N., Long. 75° 58' 43.4" W., then running 187° 30' (True), approximately 115 meters to the point of beginning.

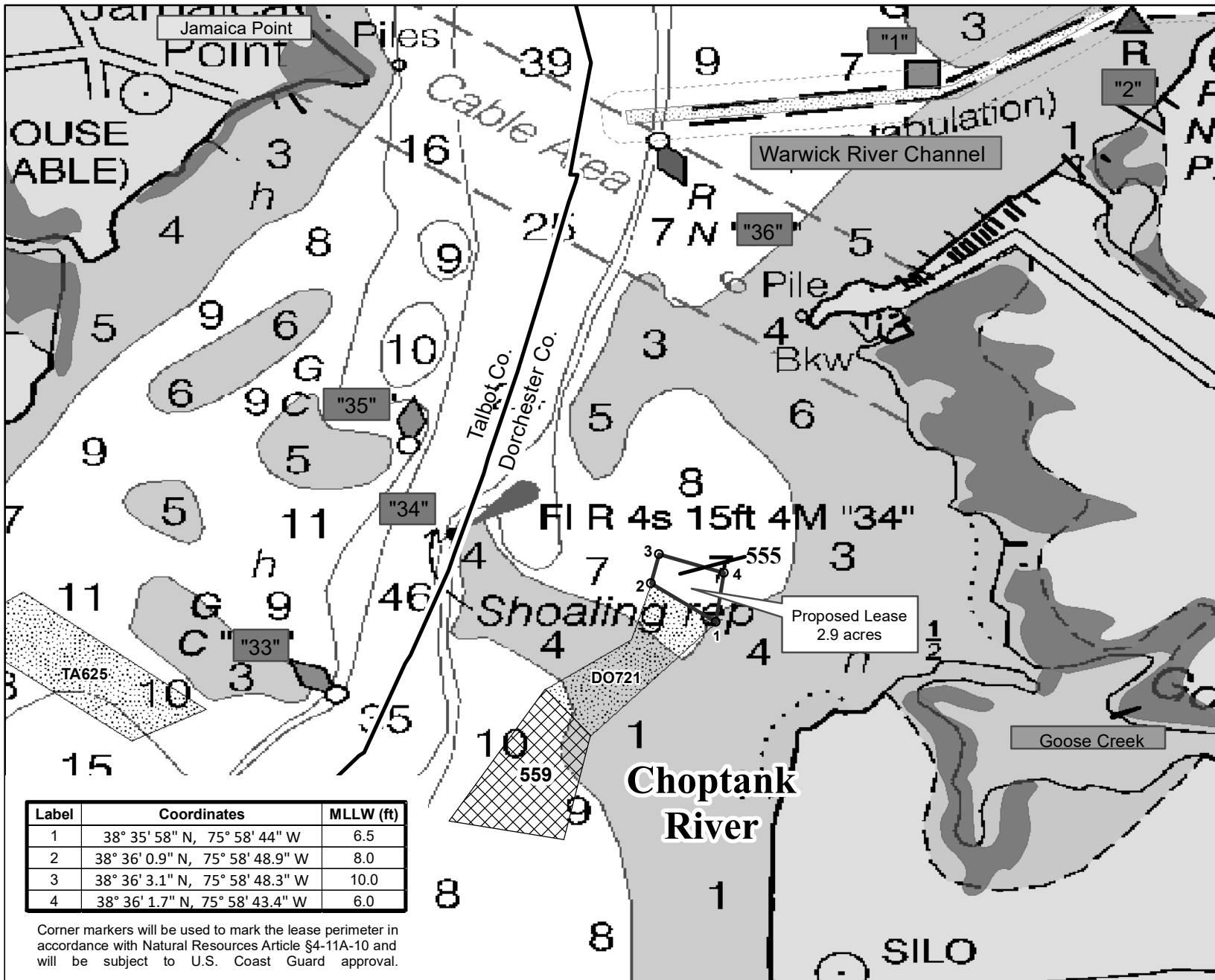
The applicants propose to deposit oyster shell and spat-on-shell as needed within the given area to a maximum depth of half an inch for the purpose of culturing Eastern Oyster (*Crassostrea virginica*), and to harvest using methods approved by the Department. Lease corners will be marked in accordance 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 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 March 28, 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

## Ann S. Abey & Paul S. Abey #555 - 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	MLLW (ft)
1	38° 35' 58" N, 75° 58' 44" W	6.5
2	38° 36' 0.9" N, 75° 58' 48.9" W	8.0
3	38° 36' 3.1" N, 75° 58' 48.3" W	10.0
4	38° 36' 1.7" N, 75° 58' 43.4" W	6.0

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.

