

PUBLIC NOTICE
MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
FISHING AND BOATING SERVICES
APPLICATION FOR SHELLFISH AQUACULTURE LEASE – AJI PARTNERS, LLC

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 n application for a shellfish aquaculture water column lease by AJI Partners, LLC in the Prospect Bay – Cabin Creek oyster sanctuary, Queen Anne’s County, Maryland, located approximately 1,600 feet northeast of Piney Point. The area applied for contains 0.8 acres more or less and is enclosed by a line beginning at corner 1, at or near Lat. 38° 56' 41.6" N., Long. 76° 13' 22.1" W., then running 289° 54' (True), approximately 58 meters to corner 2, at or near Lat. 38° 56' 42.2" N., Long. 76° 13' 24.4" W., then running 14° 46' (True), approximately 53 meters to corner 3, at or near Lat. 38° 56' 43.9" N., Long. 76° 13' 23.9" W., then running 107° 19' (True), approximately 61 meters to corner 4, at or near Lat. 38° 56' 43.3" N., Long. 76° 13' 21.4" W., then running 197° 55' (True), approximately 55 meters to the point of beginning.

The applicant proposes to deploy a combination of floating cages and cages on bottom up to a maximum of 24 inches high for the purpose of culturing Eastern Oyster (*Crassostrea virginica*), and to harvest using methods approved by the department. A map of the proposed lease is attached.

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 public informational meetings, and/or Petitions of Protest must be received by the Department of Natural Resources Aquaculture and Industry Enhancement Division 580 Taylor Avenue B-2 Annapolis, MD 21401 by July 17, 2017.

For questions about the project or the public notice please contact Rebecca Thur at the DNR Aquaculture and Industry Enhancement Division at rebecca.thur@maryland.gov or 410-260-8252.

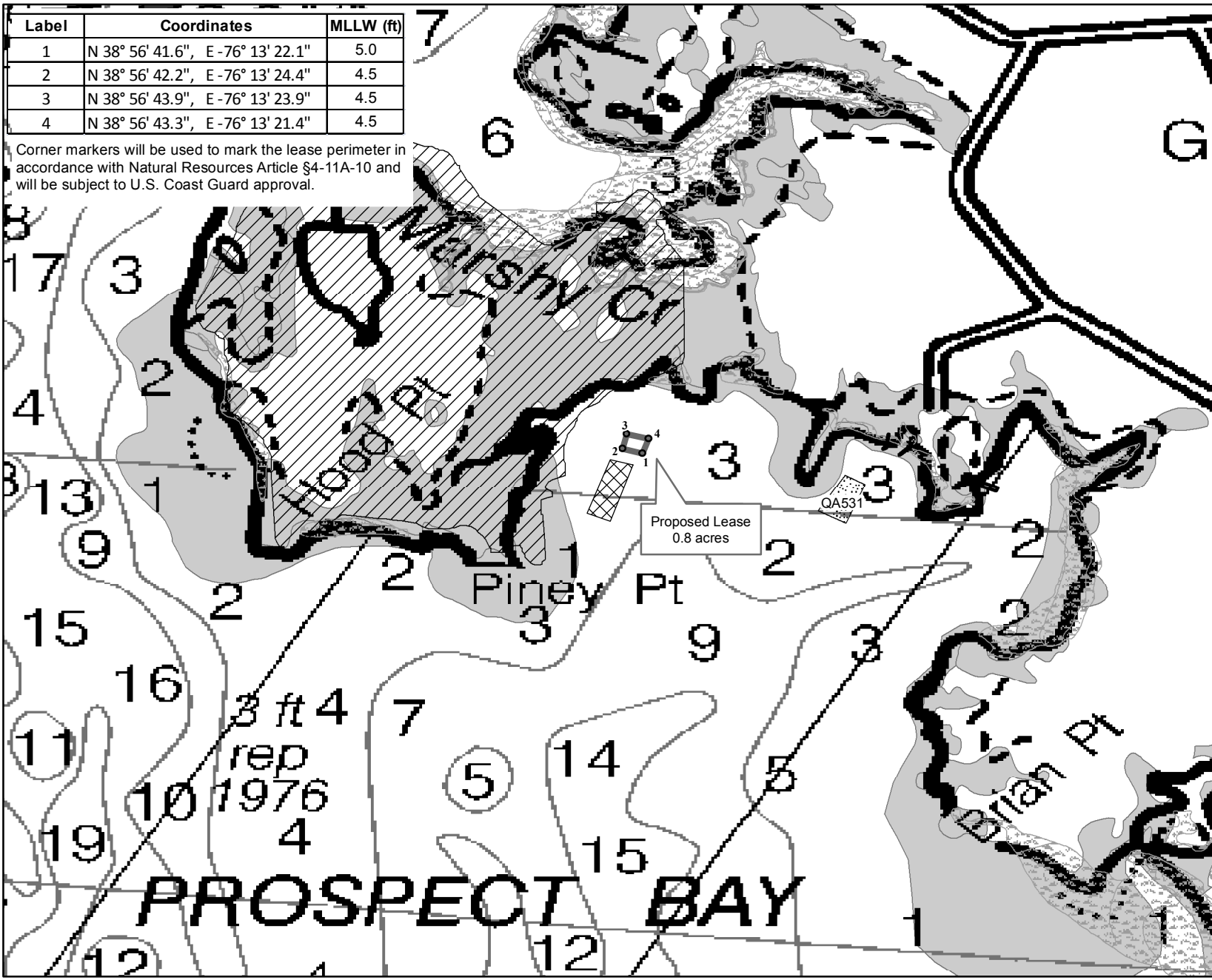
Mark J. Belton
Secretary
Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Proposed Shellfish Water Column Lease NAV Chart Map

AJI Partners, LLC #351 - Prospect Bay, Queen Anne's County Maryland

Label	Coordinates	MLLW (ft)
1	N 38° 56' 41.6", E -76° 13' 22.1"	5.0
2	N 38° 56' 42.2", E -76° 13' 24.4"	4.5
3	N 38° 56' 43.9", E -76° 13' 23.9"	4.5
4	N 38° 56' 43.3", E -76° 13' 21.4"	4.5

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 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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