

**Public Notice**  
**Maryland Department of Natural Resources**  
**Fishing and Boating Services**  
**Application for Shellfish Aquaculture Lease – Wylie M. Abbott, Jr., Pamela J. Abbott,**  
**Jason M. Abbott and Kristin Hutson**

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 water column lease by Wylie M. Abbott, Jr., Pamela J. Abbott, Jason M. Abbott and Kristin Hutson in Fishing Bay, Dorchester County, Maryland, located near the mouth of Elliott Creek. The area applied for contains 8.4 acres more or less and is enclosed by a line beginning at corner 1, at or near Lat. 38° 18' 54.6" N., Long. 75° 59' 31.2" W., then running 160° 58' (True), approximately 77 meters to corner 2, at or near Lat. 38° 18' 52.3" N., Long. 75° 59' 30.1" W., then running 256° 57' (True), approximately 475 meters to corner 3, at or near Lat. 38° 18' 48.5" N., Long. 75° 59' 49.1" W., then running 350° 55' (True), approximately 66 meters to corner 4, at or near Lat. 38° 18' 50.6" N., Long. 75° 59' 49.6" W., then running 75° 34' (True), approximately 463 meters to the point of beginning.

The applicants propose to deploy floating cages 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 E-4 Annapolis, MD 21401 by January 14, 2019.

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](mailto:rebecca.thur@maryland.gov) or 410-260-8252.

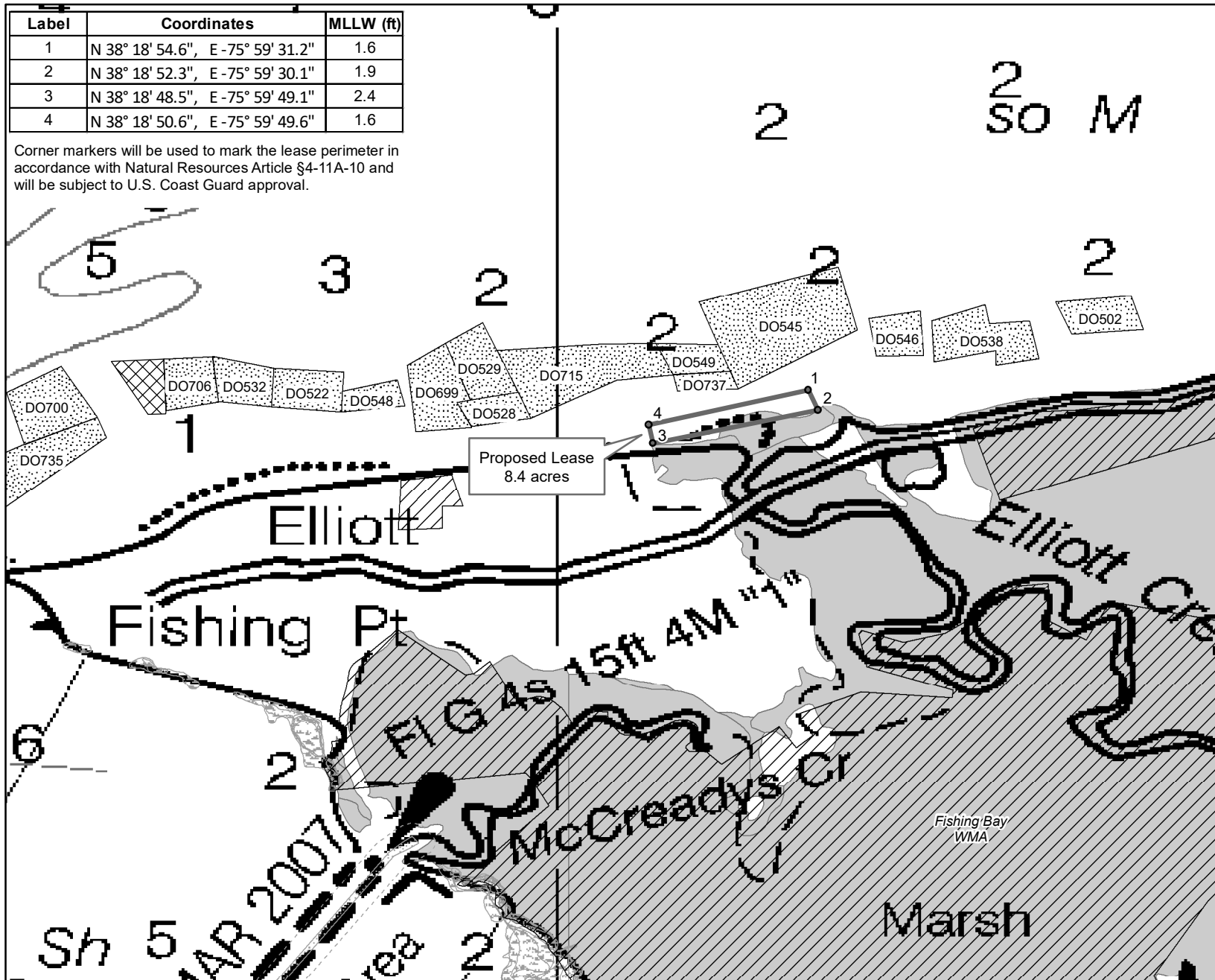
**Mark J. Belton**  
**Secretary**  
**Maryland Department of Natural Resources**

# Shellfish Water Column Lease NAV Chart Map

Wylie M. Abbott, Jr., Pamela J. Abbott, Jason M. Abbott & Kristin Hutson #436 - Fishing Bay, Dorchester County Maryland

Label	Coordinates	MLLW (ft)
1	N 38° 18' 54.6", E -75° 59' 31.2"	1.6
2	N 38° 18' 52.3", E -75° 59' 30.1"	1.9
3	N 38° 18' 48.5", E -75° 59' 49.1"	2.4
4	N 38° 18' 50.6", E -75° 59' 49.6"	1.6

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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