

**Public Notice**  
**Maryland Department of Natural Resources**  
**Fishing and Boating Services**  
**Application for Shellfish Aquaculture Lease – Paul S. Abey and William E. Abey**

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 Paul S. Abey and William E. Abey in the Choptank River, Dorchester County, Maryland, located in the Choptank Ora Zone A oyster sanctuary approximately 2,000 feet east of channel marker "37". The area applied for contains 8.0 acres more or less and is enclosed by a line beginning at corner 1, at or near Lat. 38° 37' 35.8" N., Long. 75° 58' 42.4" W., then running 294° 49' (True), approximately 344 meters to corner 2, at or near Lat. 38° 37' 40.3" N., Long. 75° 58' 55.4" W., then running 23° 49' (True), approximately 114 meters to corner 3, at or near Lat. 38° 37' 43.7" N., Long. 75° 58' 53.6" W., then running 121° 36' (True), approximately 353 meters to corner 4, at or near Lat. 38° 37' 37.9" N., Long. 75° 58' 41.0" W., then running 207° 6' (True), approximately 72 meters to the point of beginning.

The applicants propose to deposit oyster shell as needed within the given area to a maximum depth of three inches 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.

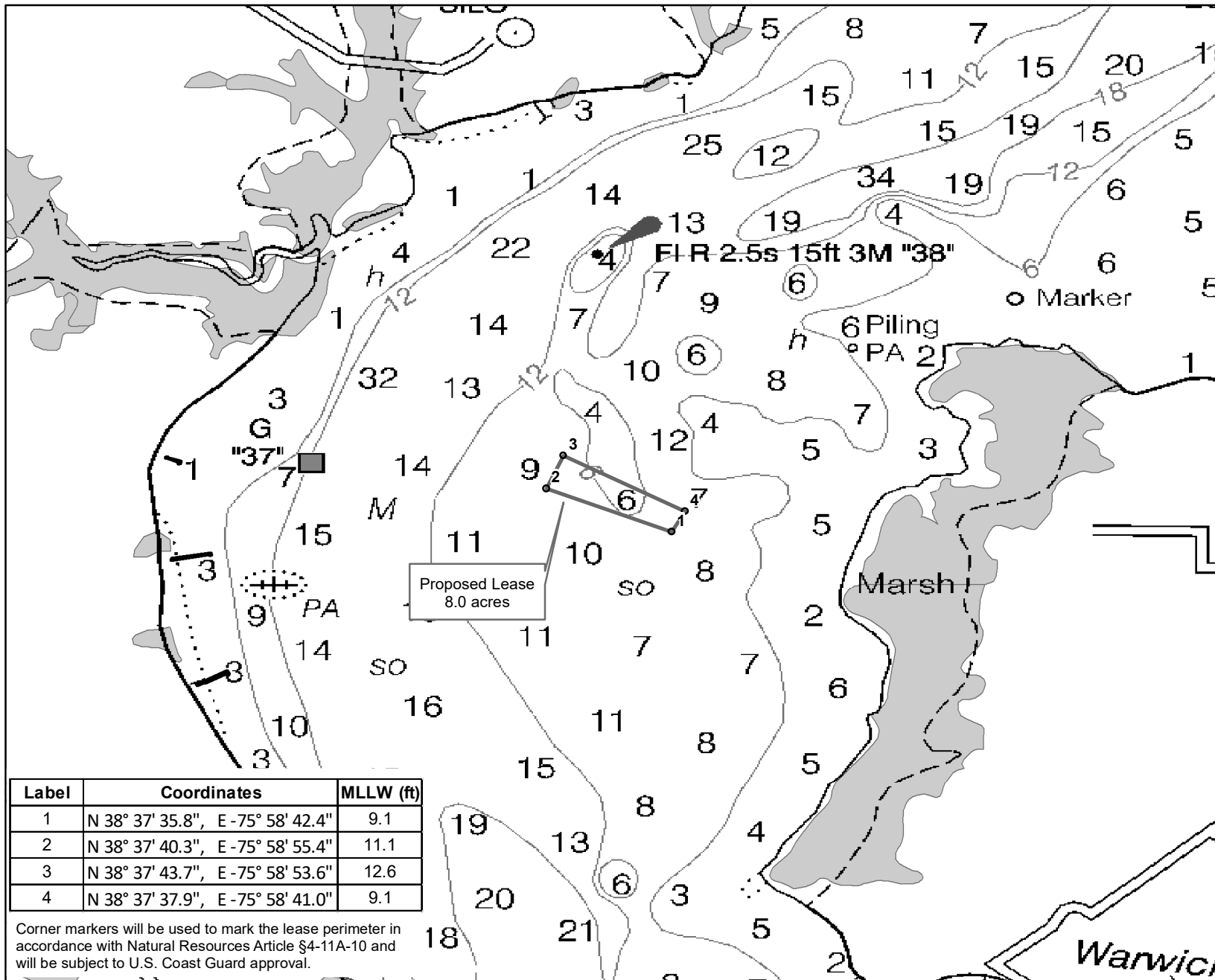
The Department will hold a public informational meeting upon written request from a member of the public. In addition, any person who has a specific right, duty, privilege, or interest that is different from that held by the general public and may be adversely affected by the proposed lease may file 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 December 24, 2018.

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**

# Proposed Shellfish Submerged Land Lease NAV Chart Map

## Paul S. Abey & William E. Abey #425 - 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	N 38° 37' 35.8", E -75° 58' 42.4"	9.1
2	N 38° 37' 40.3", E -75° 58' 55.4"	11.1
3	N 38° 37' 43.7", E -75° 58' 53.6"	12.6
4	N 38° 37' 37.9", E -75° 58' 41.0"	9.1

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.

