

**Public Notice**  
**Maryland Department of Natural Resources**  
**Fishing and Boating Services**  
**Application for Shellfish Aquaculture Lease – Robert F. Abner and Robert F. Abner, II**

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 Robert F. Abner and Robert F. Abner, II in the Chesapeake Bay, Calvert County, Maryland. The proposed lease area is located in the Herring Bay oyster sanctuary, approximately 3,500 feet northeast of channel marker “1” off of Chesapeake Beach and adjacent to two existing leases held by the applicants. The area applied for contains 24.0 acres more or less and is enclosed by a line beginning at corner 1, at or near Lat. 38° 41' 57.3" N., Long. 76° 30' 48.4" W., then running 4° 22' (True), approximately 476 meters to corner 2, at or near Lat. 38° 42' 12.7" N., Long. 76° 30' 46.9" W., then running 8° 42' (True), approximately 90 meters to corner 3, at or near Lat. 38° 42' 15.6" N., Long. 76° 30' 46.4" W., then running 88° 43' (True), approximately 141 meters to corner 4, at or near Lat. 38° 42' 15.8" N., Long. 76° 30' 40.6" W., then running 179° 59' (True), approximately 562 meters to corner 5, at or near Lat. 38° 41' 57.5" N., Long. 76° 30' 40.1" W., then running 268° 56' (True), approximately 199 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 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.

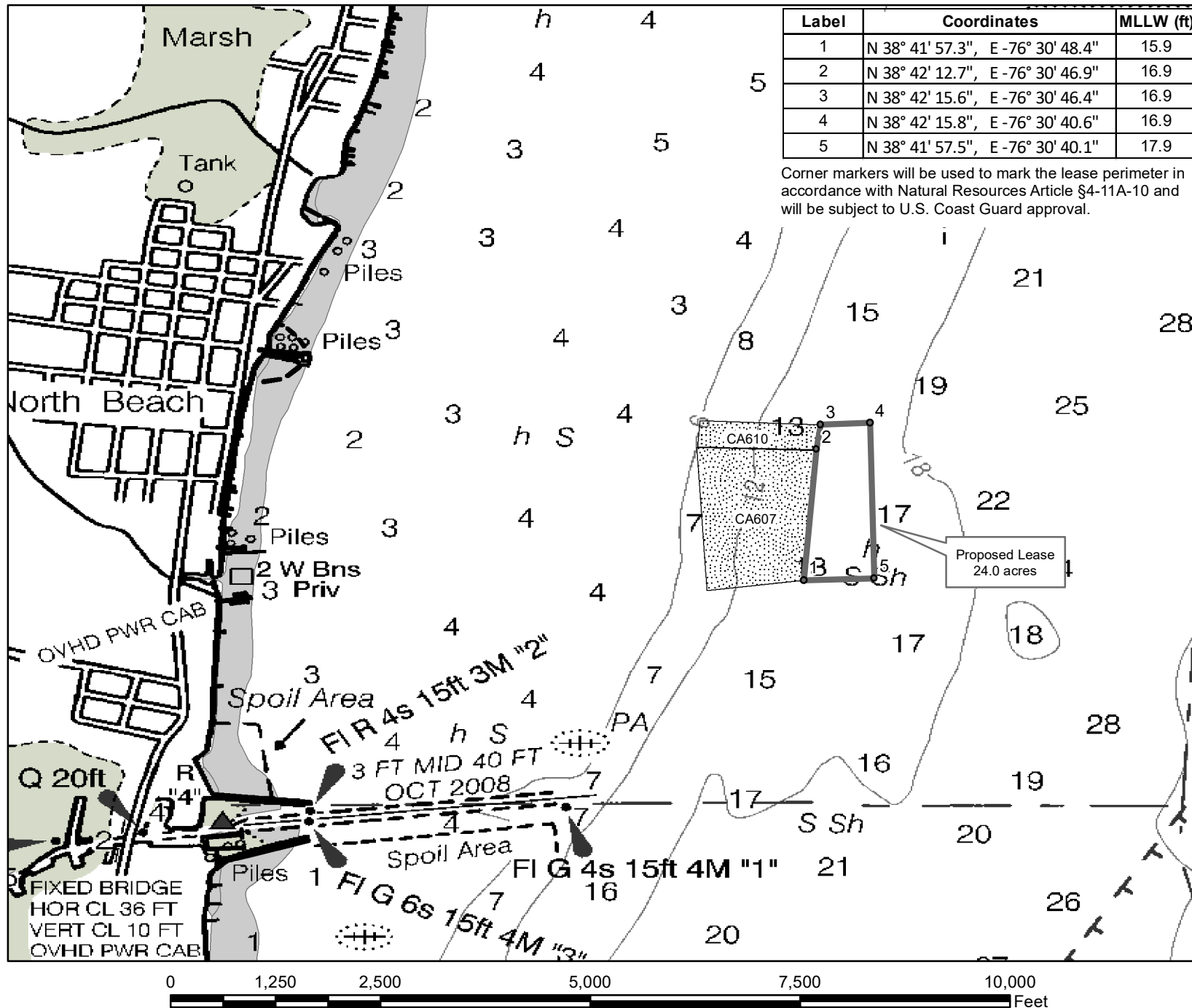
The Department will hold a public informational meeting upon written request from a member of the public. In addition, any person who has a specific right, duty, privilege, or interest that is different from that held by the general public and may be adversely affected by the proposed lease may file 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 April 8, 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.

**Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio**  
**Acting Secretary**  
**Maryland Department of Natural Resources**

# Proposed Shellfish Submerged Land Lease NAV Chart Map

Robert F. Abner & Robert F. Abner, II #370 - Chesapeake Bay, Calvert County Maryland



Label	Coordinates	MLLW (ft)
1	N 38° 41' 57.3", E -76° 30' 48.4"	15.9
2	N 38° 42' 12.7", E -76° 30' 46.9"	16.9
3	N 38° 42' 15.6", E -76° 30' 46.4"	16.9
4	N 38° 42' 15.8", E -76° 30' 40.6"	16.9
5	N 38° 41' 57.5", E -76° 30' 40.1"	17.9

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 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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