

PUBLIC NOTICE
MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
FISHING AND BOATING SERVICES
APPLICATION FOR SHELLFISH AQUACULTURE LEASE – ROBERT F. ABNER & 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 water column 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 4,500 feet north northeast of channel marker “1” off of Chesapeake Beach and adjacent to another shellfish aquaculture lease held by one of the applicants. The area applied for contains 7.7 acres more or less and is enclosed by a line beginning at corner 1, at or near Lat. 38° 42' 12.7" N., Long. 76° 30' 46.9" W., then running 272° 41' (True), approximately 337 meters to corner 2, at or near Lat. 38° 42' 13.0" N., Long. 76° 31' 0.9" W., then running 4° 7' (True), approximately 93 meters to corner 3, at or near Lat. 38° 42' 16.1" N., Long. 76° 31' 0.6" W., then running 92° 21' (True), approximately 342 meters to corner 4, at or near Lat. 38° 42' 15.6" N., Long. 76° 30' 46.4" W., then running 187° 24' (True), approximately 90 meters to the point of beginning.

The applicants propose to place cages on bottom up to a maximum of 16 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.

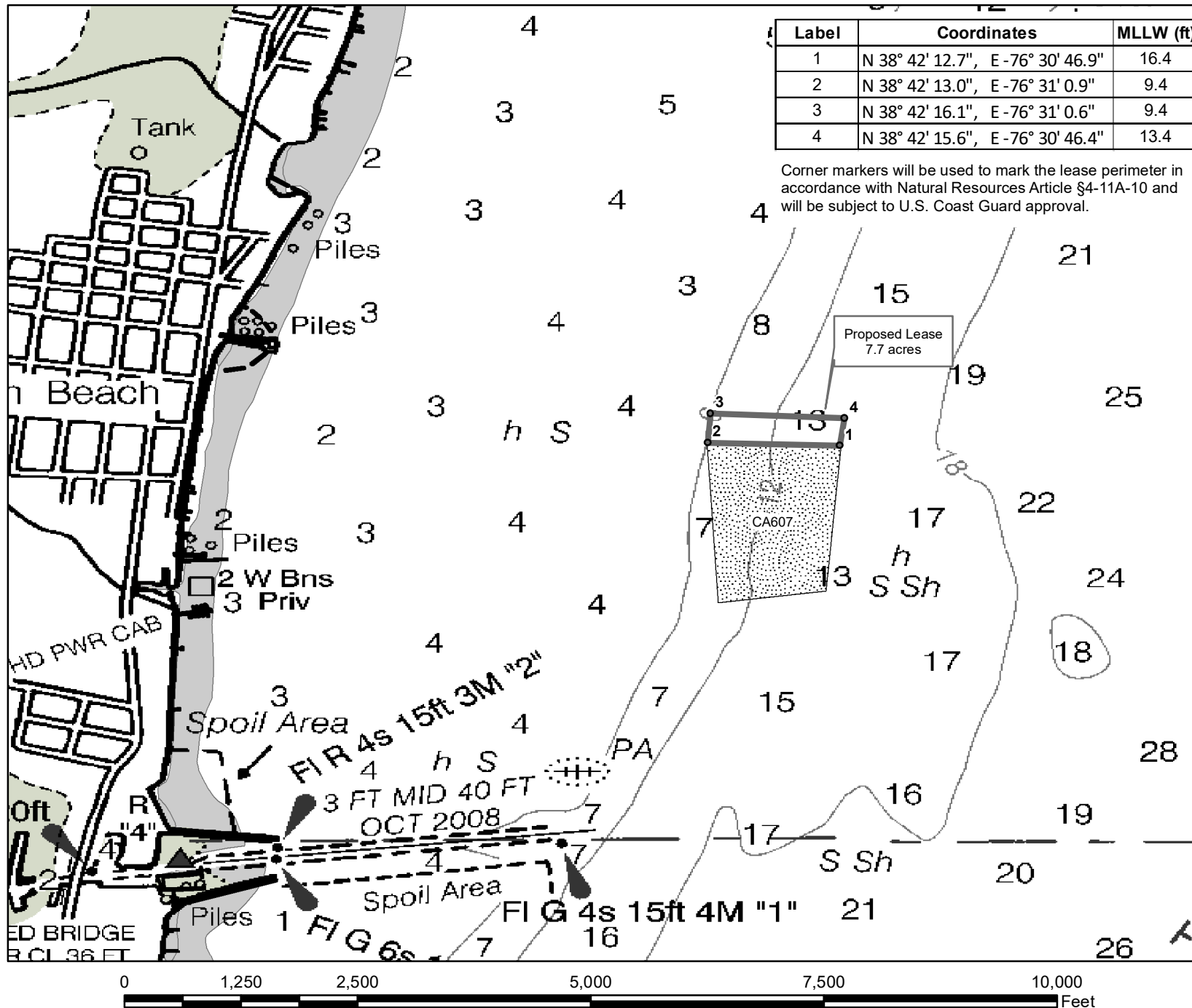
The Department will hold a public informational meeting upon written request from a member of the public. In addition, any person who has a specific right, duty, privilege, or interest that is different from that held by the general public and may be adversely affected by the proposed lease may file 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 September 10, 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 or 410-260-8252.

Mark J. Belton
Secretary
Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Proposed Shellfish Water Column Lease NAV Chart Map

Robert F. Abner & Robert F. Abner, II #371 - Chesapeake Bay, Calvert County Maryland



Label	Coordinates	MLLW (ft)
1	N 38° 42' 12.7", E -76° 30' 46.9"	16.4
2	N 38° 42' 13.0", E -76° 31' 0.9"	9.4
3	N 38° 42' 16.1", E -76° 31' 0.6"	9.4
4	N 38° 42' 15.6", E -76° 30' 46.4"	13.4

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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