PUBLIC NOTICE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FISHING AND BOATING SERVICES APPLICATION FOR SHELLFISH AQUACULTURE LEASE – ROBERT T. BROWN, SR., JASON G. BROWN & VICTORIA M. BROWN

The Secretary of Mar yland D epartment of N atural R esources (DNR), p ursuant to N atural R esources Article, §4-11A-09(g), Annotated C ode of M aryland, is giving notice of a n application for a shellfish aquaculture submerged land lease by Robert T. Brown, Sr., Jason G. Brown and Victoria M. Brown in St. Clements Bay, St. Mary's County, Maryland, located approximately 200 feet southwest of the mouth of Porpoise Creek. The area applied for contains 15.2 acres more or less and is enclosed by a line beginning at corner 1, at or n ear L at. 38° 15' 53. 9" N., L ong. 76° 42' 18. 8" W., t hen r unning 324° 57' (True), approximately 390 meters to corner 2, at or near Lat. 38° 16' 4.1" N., Long. 76° 42' 28.3" W., then running 74° 9' (True), approximately 251 meters to corner 3, at or near Lat. 38° 16' 6.4" N., Long. 76° 42' 18.3" W., then running 168° 50' (True), approximately 334 meters to corner 4, at or near Lat. 38° 15' 55.8" N., Long. 76° 42' 15.4" W., then running 235° 1' (True), approximately 100 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 D epartment will hold a public in formational 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 O ffice 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 October 2, 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 Submerged Land Lease NAV Chart Map

Robert T. Brown, Sr., Jason G. Brown & Victoria M. Brown #198 - St. Clements Bay, St. Mary's County Maryland

