Public Notice
Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Fishing and Boating Services
Application for Shellfish Aquaculture Lease – Scott Budden

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 Scott Budden in the Chester River, Queen Anne’s County, Maryland, located approximately 1,500 feet northwest of the mouth of Walsey Creek. The area applied for contains 5.0 acres more or less and is enclosed by a line beginning at corner 1, at or near Lat. 38° 58' 48.8" N., Long. 76° 11' 46.5" W., then running 314° 22' (True), approximately 121 meters to corner 2, at or near Lat. 38° 58' 51.5" N., Long. 76° 11' 50" W., then running 46° 32' (True), approximately 161 meters to corner 3, at or near Lat. 38° 58' 55.2" N., Long. 76° 11' 45.3" W., then running 129° 51' (True), approximately 120 meters to corner 4, at or near Lat. 38° 58' 52.7" N., Long. 76° 11' 41.4" W., then running 225° 4' (True), approximately 173 meters to the point of beginning.

The applicant proposes to deploy a combination of floating cages and cages on bottom up to a maximum of 18 inches high 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 available on the Fishing and Boating Services Public Notice web page, [https://dnr.maryland.gov/Fisheries/Pages/Pub_Notices.aspx](https://dnr.maryland.gov/Fisheries/Pages/Pub_Notices.aspx)

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 November 25, 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 or 410-260-8252.

Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio, Secretary
Maryland Department of Natural Resources
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.