

Public Notice
Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Fishing and Boating Services
Application for Shellfish Aquaculture Lease – Chesapeake Sea Farms

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 Chesapeake Sea Farms in St. Jerome Creek, St. Mary's County, Maryland, located directly adjacent to and in between two existing leases held by the applicant, along the shoreline in the Northern Prong of the creek, just south of Taylor Cove. The area applied for contains 0.17 acres more or less and is enclosed by a line beginning at corner 1, at or near Lat. 38° 7' 23.3" N., Long. 76° 21' 21" W., then running 328° 56' (True), approximately 14 meters to corner 2, at or near Lat. 38° 7' 23.7" N., Long. 76° 21' 21.3" W., then running 302° 20' (True), approximately 5 meters to corner 3, at or near Lat. 38° 7' 23.8" N., Long. 76° 21' 21.5" W., then running 343° 30' (True), approximately 25 meters to corner 4, at or near Lat. 38° 7' 24.6" N., Long. 76° 21' 21.8" W., then running 50° 40' (True), approximately 28 meters to corner 5, at or near Lat. 38° 7' 25.2" N., Long. 76° 21' 20.9" W., then running 182° 44' (True), approximately 57 meters to the point of beginning.

The applicant proposes to deploy a combination of floating gear at the surface and bags on bottom up to a maximum of four inches high for the purpose of culturing Eastern Oyster (*Crassostrea virginica*) and several native clam species, 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, 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 June 15, 2020. 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









Proposed Shellfish Water Column Lease NAV Chart Map

Chesapeake Sea Farms #376 - St. Jerome Creek, St. Mary's County Maryland

Label	Coordinates	MLLW (ft)
1	38° 7' 23.3" N, 76° 21' 21" W	1.7
2	38° 7' 23.7" N, 76° 21' 21.3" W	1.5
3	38° 7' 23.8" N, 76° 21' 21.5" W	1.5
4	38° 7' 24.6" N, 76° 21' 21.8" W	1.0
5	38° 7' 25.2" N, 76° 21' 20.9" W	1.7

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)



St. Jerome Creek



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