Public Notice Maryland Department of Natural Resources Fishing and Boating Services

Application for Shellfish Aquaculture Leases – Ellis M. Hayden and Ernestine L. Hayden

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 applications for two shellfish aquaculture submerged land leases by Ellis M. Hayden and Ernestine L. Hayden in St. Mary's County, Maryland. The first proposed area, located in St. Clements Bay approximately 1,700 feet southeast of channel marker "2", contains 31.5 acres more or less and is enclosed by a line beginning at corner 1, at or near Lat. 38° 13' 18.5" N., Long. 76° 43' 59.4" W., then running 348° 42' (True), approximately 668 meters to corner 2, at or near Lat. 38° 13' 39.6" N., Long. 76° 44' 5.3" W., then running 102° 5' (True), approximately 207 meters to corner 3, at or near Lat. 38° 13' 38.2" N., Long. 76° 43' 56.9" W., then running 165° 50' (True), approximately 591 meters to corner 4, at or near Lat. 38° 13' 19.7" N., Long. 76° 43' 50.6" W., then running 260° 47' (True), approximately 218 meters to the point of beginning.

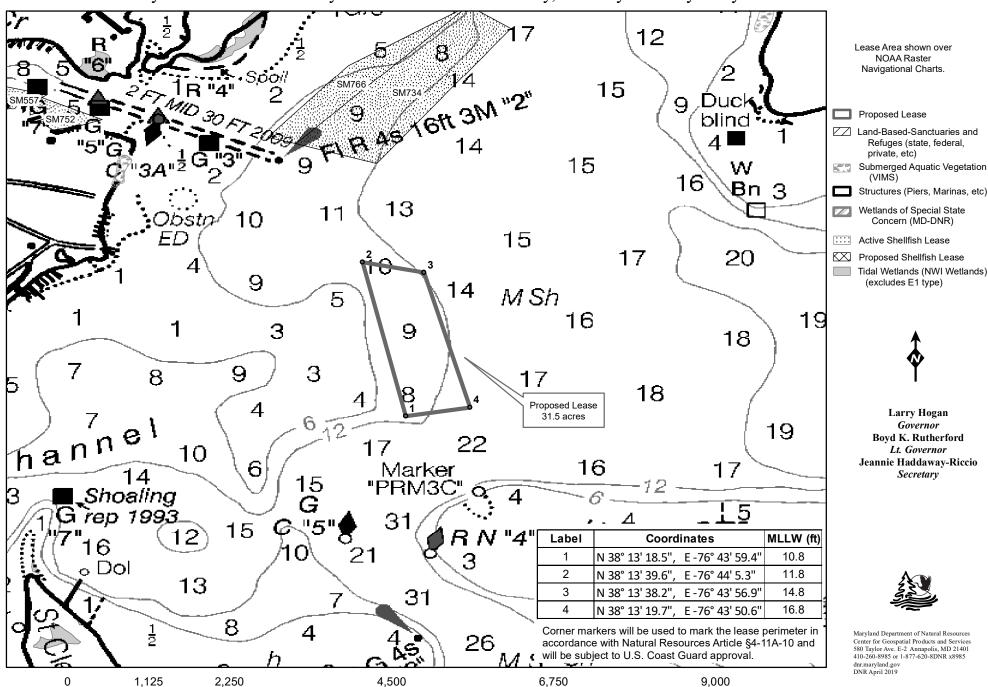
The second proposed area, located in the Wicomico River approximately 350 feet west of channel marker "2U", contains 24.8 acres more or less and is enclosed by a line beginning at corner 1, at or near Lat. 38° 15' 15.5" N., Long. 76° 49' 0.7" W., then running 2° 41' (True), approximately 192 meters to corner 2, at or near Lat. 38° 15' 21.7" N., Long. 76° 49' 0.5" W., then running 69° 21' (True), approximately 477 meters to corner 3, at or near Lat. 38° 15' 27.2" N., Long. 76° 48' 42.1" W., then running 166° 53' (True), approximately 219 meters to corner 4, at or near Lat. 38° 15' 20.3" N., Long. 76° 48' 39.9" W., then running 254° 42' (True), approximately 526 meters to the point of beginning.

Each of the proposed areas partially overlap a portion of Public Shellfish Fishery Area (PSFA); PSFA 140 NOB 26-7 and PSFA 134 NOB 20-1, respectively. The Department conducted biological surveys within the proposed areas, evaluated harvest records and determined that both portions of PSFA are eligible to be declassified in accordance with COMAR 08.02.04.17B. Pending declassification, the applicants propose to deposit oyster shell and spat-on-shell as needed within each of the given areas 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 each of the proposed leases is available on the Fishing and Boating Services Public Notice web page, http://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 one or both of the proposed leases 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 30, 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

Proposed Shellfish Submerged Land Lease NAV Chart Map Ellis M. Hayden & Ernestine L. Hayden #399 - St. Clements Bay, St. Mary's County Maryland



Proposed Shellfish Submerged Land Lease NAV Chart Map Ellis M. Hayden & Ernestine L. Hayden #400 - Wicomico River, St. Mary's County Maryland

