PUBLIC NOTICE
MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
FISHING AND BOATING SERVICES
APPLICATION FOR SHELLFISH AQUACULTURE LEASE – HARRY J. INSLEY, SR. &
PAULA F. INSLEY

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 submerged land lease by Harry J. Insley, Sr. and Paula F. Insley in the Nanticoke River oyster sanctuary, Wicomico County, Maryland, located approximately 700 feet northwest of channel marker “4”. The area has been proposed by the applicants in order to reconfigure an existing submerged land lease, WI704, which is held by the applicants. The newly applied for portion of the lease area contains 7.4 acres more or less and is enclosed by a line beginning at corner 1, at or near Lat. 38° 16' 17.0" N., Long. 75° 54' 55.2" W., then running 282° 7' (True), approximately 127 meters to corner 2, at or near Lat. 38° 16' 17.9" N., Long. 75° 55' 0.3" W., then running 350° 56' (True), approximately 203 meters to corner 3, at or near Lat. 38° 16' 24.4" N., Long. 75° 55' 1.8" W., then running 113° 22' (True), approximately 238 meters to corner 4, at or near Lat. 38° 16' 21.3" N., Long. 75° 54' 52.8" W., then running 204° 45' (True), approximately 144 meters to the point of beginning. Corner 4 in the description above corresponds to corner 9 labeled on the map depicting the proposed reconfigured lease boundaries. An area of the existing lease equal to 7.4 acres would be surrendered upon addition of the new area, resulting in no net change to the total lease acreage.

The applicants propose to deposit oyster shell as needed within the new 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 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 the newly proposed portion of the 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 May 18, 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.

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Secretary
Maryland Department of Natural Resources