

**Public Notice**  
**Maryland Department of Natural Resources**  
**Fishing and Boating Services**  
**Application for Shellfish Aquaculture Lease – Maryland Seafood Cooperative, Inc. #479**

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 Maryland Seafood Cooperative, Inc. in the Lecompte Bay area of the Choptank River, Dorchester County, Maryland. The proposed lease is located within an oyster sanctuary, approximately 1,400 feet northwest of Horn Point and 4,300 feet west of channel marker "19". The area applied for contains 22 acres more or less and is enclosed by a line beginning at corner 1, at or near Lat. 38° 36' 17.3" N., Long. 76° 8' 53.3" W., then running 332° 28' (True), approximately 117 meters to corner 2, at or near Lat. 38° 36' 20.7" N., Long. 76° 8' 55.5" W., then running 9° 9' (True), approximately 405 meters to corner 3, at or near Lat. 38° 36' 33.6 " N., Long. 76° 8' 52.8 " W., then running 113° 44' (True), approximately 318 meters to corner 4, at or near Lat. 38° 36' 29.6 " N., Long. 76° 8' 40.7" W., then running 219° 37' (True), approximately 487 meters to the point of beginning.

The applicant proposes to deposit oyster shell and spat-on-shell as needed within the given area to a maximum depth of 3 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, [dnr.maryland.gov/Fisheries/Pages/Pub\\_Notices.aspx](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 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 July 6, 2021. 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](mailto:rebecca.thur@maryland.gov) or 410-260-8252.

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

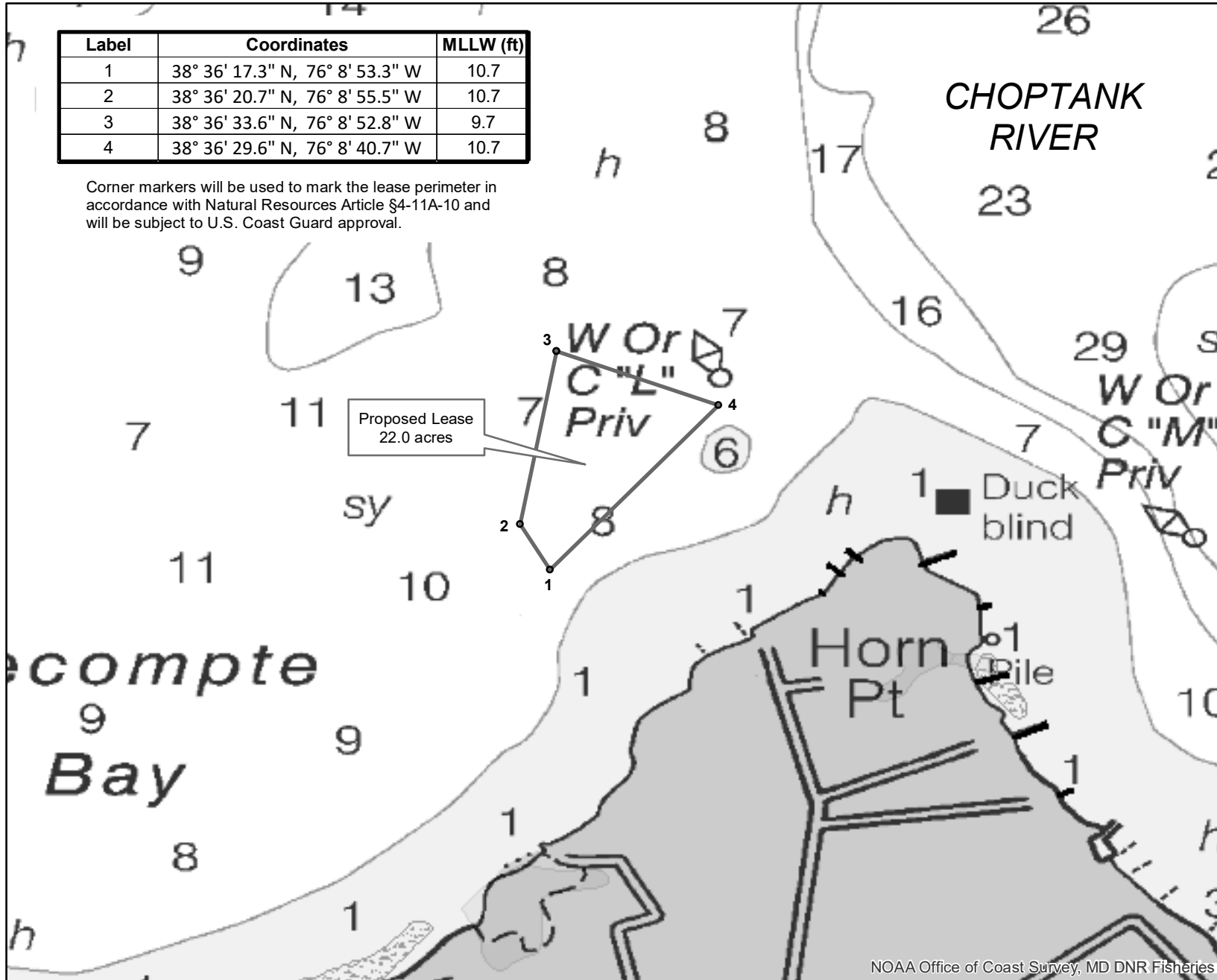
# Proposed Shellfish Submerged Land Lease NAV Chart Map

Maryland Seafood Cooperative, Inc. #479 - Lecompte Bay, Dorchester County Maryland

Label	Coordinates	MLLW (ft)
1	38° 36' 17.3" N, 76° 8' 53.3" W	10.7
2	38° 36' 20.7" N, 76° 8' 55.5" W	10.7
3	38° 36' 33.6" N, 76° 8' 52.8" W	9.7
4	38° 36' 29.6" N, 76° 8' 40.7" W	10.7

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.

Proposed Lease  
22.0 acres



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)



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