PUBLIC NOTICE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FISHING AND BOATING SERVICES APPLICATION FOR SHELLFISH AQUACULTURE LEASES – HAROLD A. MCBEE, JR. & BRIAN CONNELLY

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 water column leases by Harold A. McBee, Jr. and Brian Connelly in the Eastern Bay oyster sanctuary, Talbot County, Maryland. The first proposed area, located approximately 2,500 feet west of Tilghman Point, contains 4.3 acres, more or less, and is enclosed by a line beginning at corner 1, at or near Lat. 38° 51' 40.4" N., Long. 76° 15' 47.9" W., then running 322° 14' (True), approximately 71 meters to corner 2, at or near Lat. 38° 51' 42.2" N., Long. 76° 15' 49.7" W., then running 52° 44' (True), approximately 283 meters to corner 3, at or near Lat. 38° 51' 47.9" N., Long. 76° 15' 40.5" W., then running 149° 17' (True), approximately 52 meters to corner 4, at or near Lat. 38° 51' 46.4" N., Long. 76° 15' 39.4" W., then running 228° 40' (True), approximately 278 meters to the point of beginning.

The second proposed area, located approximately 4,100 feet southwest of the first proposed area, contains 2.8 acres more or less and is enclosed by a line beginning at corner 1, at or near Lat. 38° 51' 5.2" N., Long. 76° 16' 30.3" W., then running 332° 10' (True), approximately 53 meters to corner 2, at or near Lat. 38° 51' 6.8" N., Long. 76° 16' 31.3" W., then running 53° 39' (True), approximately 226 meters to corner 3, at or near Lat. 38° 51' 11.2" N., Long. 76° 16' 23.8" W., then running 145° 41' (True), approximately 45 meters to corner 4, at or near Lat. 38° 51' 10.0" N., Long. 76° 16' 22.8" W., then running 231° 48' (True), approximately 233 meters to the point of beginning.

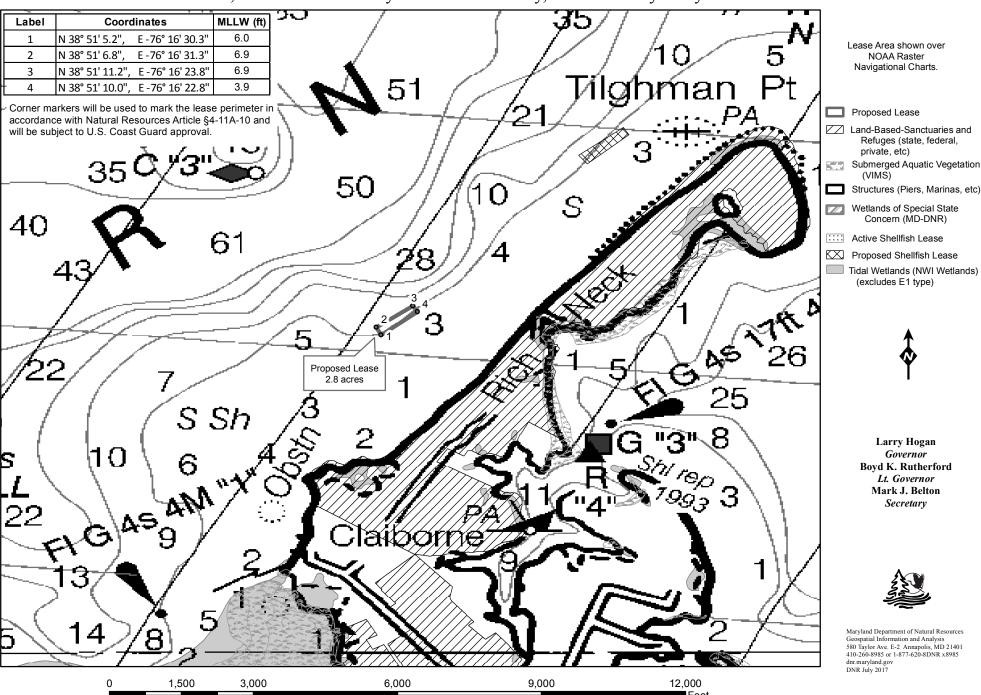
The applicants propose to place cages on bottom within each of the given areas up to a maximum of 15 inches high for the purpose of culturing Eastern Oyster (*Crassostrea virginica*), and to harvest using methods approved by the Department. A map of each of the proposed leases is attached.

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 B-2 Annapolis, MD 21401 by September 25, 2017.

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.

Mark J. Belton
Secretary
Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Proposed Shellfish Water Column Lease NAV Chart Map Harold A. McBee, Jr. & Brian Connelly #360 - Eastern Bay, Talbot County Maryland



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