PUBLIC NOTICE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FISHING AND BOATING SERVICES APPLICATION FOR SHELLFISH AQUACULTURE LEASES – METOMPKIN SEAFOOD, INC.

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 Metompkin Seafood, Inc. in the Big Annemessex River, Somerset County, Maryland. The first proposed area, located near the mouth of Moon Bay between Mud Point and Sandy Point and adjacent to an existing lease held by the applicant, contains 49.5 acres, more or less, and is enclosed by a line beginning at corner 1, at or near Lat. 38° 3' 44.7" N., Long. 75° 47' 49.0" W., then running 335° 26' (True), approximately 311 meters to corner 2, at or near Lat. 38° 3' 53.9" N., Long. 75° 47' 54.3" W., then running 37° 37' (True), approximately 547 meters to corner 3, at or near Lat. 38° 4' 8.2" N., Long. 75° 47' 40.9" W., then running 113° 19' (True), approximately 337 meters to corner 4, at or near Lat. 38° 4' 3.9" N., Long. 75° 47' 28.2" W., then running 221° 43' (True), approximately 777 meters to the point of beginning.

The second proposed area, located approximately 350 feet northeast of the first proposed area and south of Horsehead Point, contains 46.1 acres more or less and is enclosed by a line beginning at corner 1, at or near Lat. 38° 3' 59.3" N., Long. 75° 47' 17.6" W., then running 320° 37' (True), approximately 459 meters to corner 2, at or near Lat. 38° 4' 10.6" N., Long. 75° 47' 29.8" W., then running 50° 8' (True), approximately 303 meters to corner 3, at or near Lat. 38° 4' 16.9" N., Long. 75° 47' 20.2" W., then running 122° 31' (True), approximately 483 meters to corner 4, at or near Lat. 38° 4' 8.7" N., Long. 75° 47' 3.3" W., then running 211° 59' (True), approximately 174 meters to corner 5, at or near Lat. 38° 4' 3.9" N., Long. 75° 47' 7.0" W., then running 241° 4' (True), approximately 294 meters to the point of beginning.

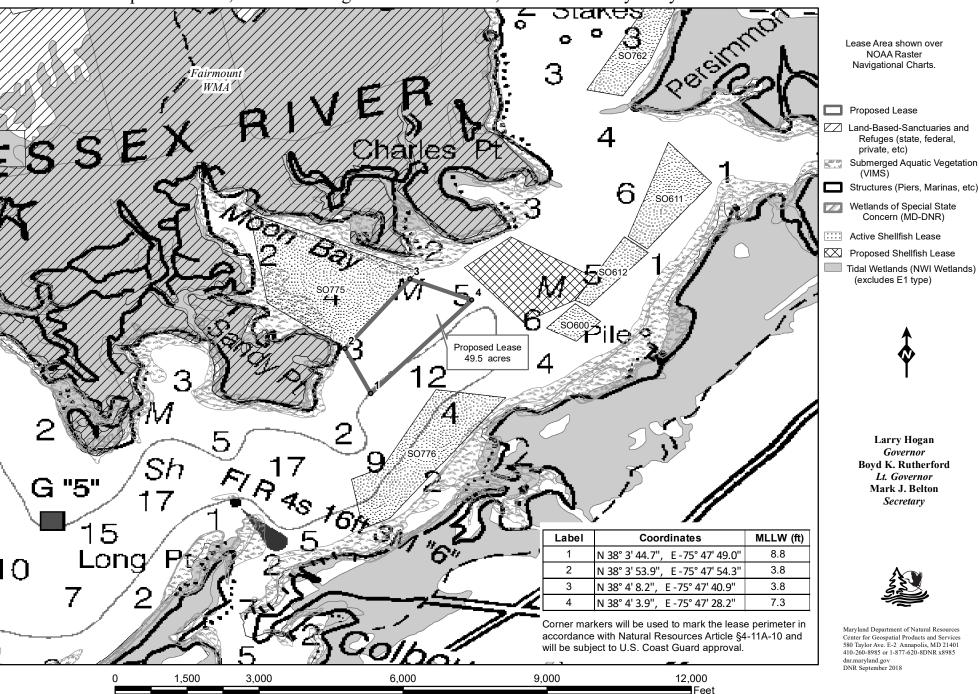
The applicant proposes to deposit oyster shell as needed within each of the given areas to a maximum depth of three inches for the purpose of culturing Eastern Oyster (*Crassostrea virginica*), and to harvest using methods approved by the Department. A map of each of the proposed leases is attached.

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 E-4 Annapolis, MD 21401 by November 2, 2018.

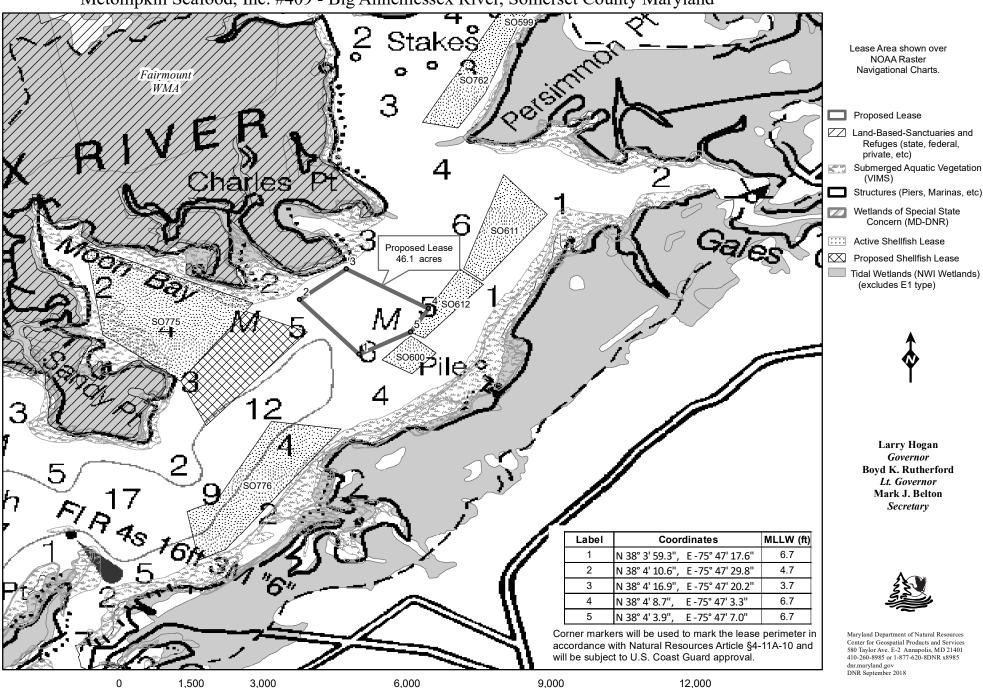
For questions about the project or the public notice please contact Rebecca Thur at the DNR Aquaculture and Industry Enhancement Division at rebecca.thur@maryland.gov or 410-260-8252.

Mark J. Belton
Secretary
Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Proposed Shellfish Submerged Land Lease NAV Chart Map Metompkin Seafood, Inc. #408 - Big Annemessex River, Somerset County Maryland



Proposed Shellfish Submerged Land Lease NAV Chart Map Metompkin Seafood, Inc. #409 - Big Annemessex River, Somerset County Maryland



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