

PUBLIC NOTICE
MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
FISHING AND BOATING SERVICES
APPLICATION FOR SHELLFISH AQUACULTURE LEASE – JOHN B. MORRIS, JR. & JOHN
B. MORRIS, III

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 John B. Morris, Jr. and John B. Morris, III in Smith Creek, St. Mary's County, Maryland, located on the eastern side of Smith Creek approximately 1,750 feet north northwest from the fork of Jutland Creek. The area applied for contains 5.6 acres more or less and is enclosed by a line beginning at corner 1, at or near Lat. 38° 7' 16.6" N., Long. 76° 24' 21.6" W., then running 319° 25' (True), approximately 157 meters to corner 2, at or near Lat. 38° 7' 20.5" N., Long. 76° 24' 25.8" W., then running 253° 1' (True), approximately 227 meters to corner 3, at or near Lat. 38° 7' 18.3" N., Long. 76° 24' 34.7" W., then running 18° 38' (True), approximately 100 meters to corner 4, at or near Lat. 38° 7' 21.4" N., Long. 76° 24' 33.5" W., then running 93° 58' (True), approximately 40 meters to corner 5, at or near Lat. 38° 7' 21.3" N., Long. 76° 24' 31.8" W., then running 92° 34' (True), approximately 144 meters to corner 6, at or near Lat. 38° 7' 21.2" N., Long. 76° 24' 25.9" W., then running 79° 51' (True), approximately 100 meters to corner 7, at or near Lat. 38° 7' 21.8" N., Long. 76° 24' 21.8" W., then running 168° 37' (True), approximately 141 meters to corner 8, at or near Lat. 38° 7' 17.4" N., Long. 76° 24' 20.6" W., then running 225° 30' (True), approximately 33 meters to the point of beginning.

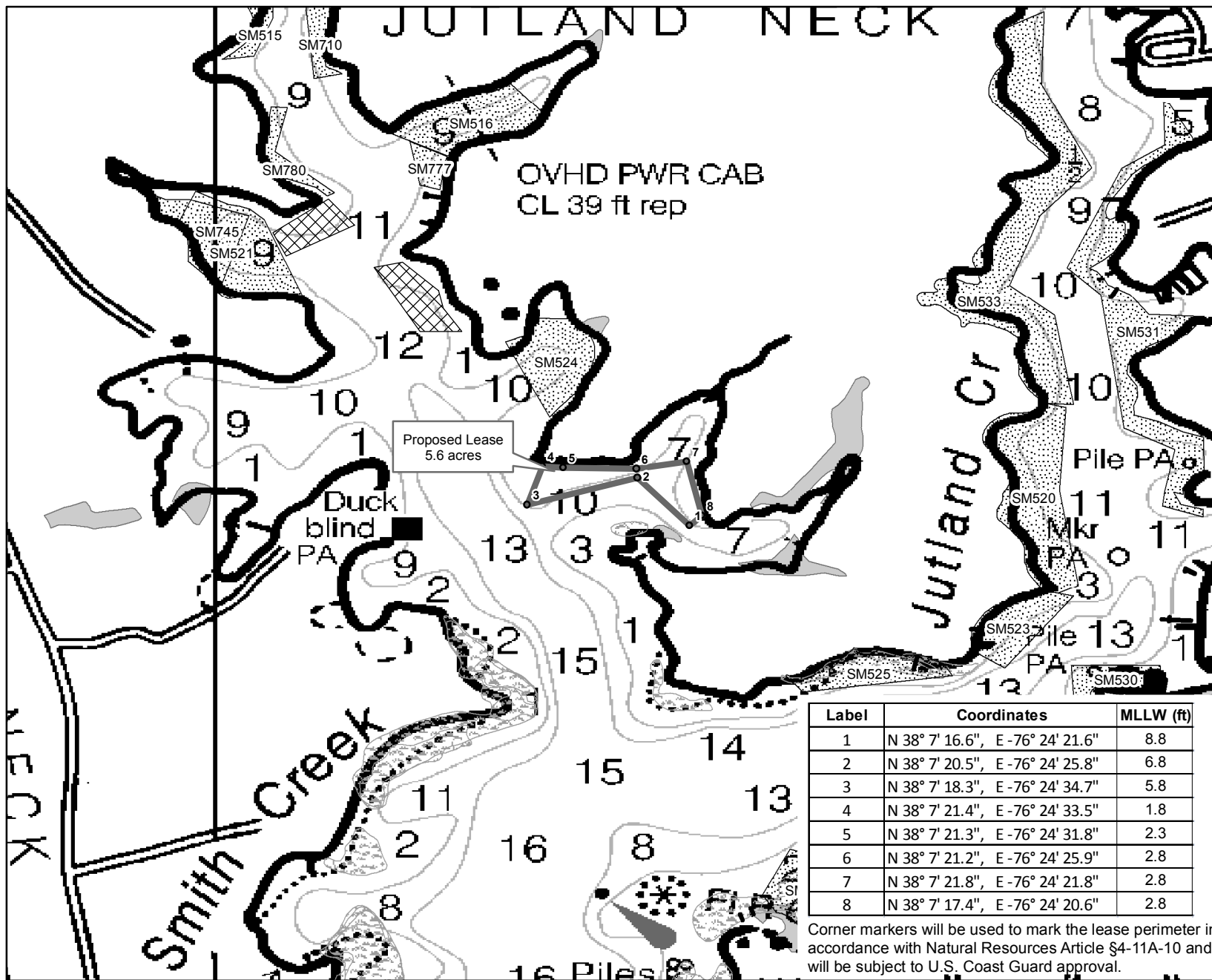
The Department conducted a biological survey within the proposed area, evaluated harvest records and determined that this portion of PSFA NOB 31-6 is eligible to be declassified in accordance with COMAR, 08.02.04.17B. Pending declassification, applicants propose to deposit oyster shell as needed within the given 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 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 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 B-2 Annapolis, MD 21401 by December 15, 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 Submerged Land Lease NAV Chart Map
 John B. Morris, Jr. & John B. Morris, III #350 - Smith Creek, St. Mary's County Maryland



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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Label	Coordinates	MLLW (ft)
1	N 38° 7' 16.6", E -76° 24' 21.6"	8.8
2	N 38° 7' 20.5", E -76° 24' 25.8"	6.8
3	N 38° 7' 18.3", E -76° 24' 34.7"	5.8
4	N 38° 7' 21.4", E -76° 24' 33.5"	1.8
5	N 38° 7' 21.3", E -76° 24' 31.8"	2.3
6	N 38° 7' 21.2", E -76° 24' 25.9"	2.8
7	N 38° 7' 21.8", E -76° 24' 21.8"	2.8
8	N 38° 7' 17.4", E -76° 24' 20.6"	2.8

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.

