PUBLIC NOTICE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FISHING AND BOATING SERVICES APPLICATION FOR SHELLFISH AQUACULTURE LEASE – WESTERN SHORE OYSTER COMPANY & MELINDA PAGLIERANI

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 water column lease by Western Shore Oyster Company and Melinda Paglierani in the Patuxent River, St. Mary's County, Maryland, located approximately 800 feet north northwest of the outfall of Green Holly Pond. The area applied for contains 4.2 acres more or less and is enclosed by a line beginning at beginning at corner 1, at or near Lat. 38° 17' 55.5" N., Long. 76° 27' 43.7" W., then running 319° 53' (True), approximately 43 meters to corner 2, at or near Lat. 38° 17' 56.5" N., Long. 76° 27' 44.9" W., then running 248° 2' (True), approximately 28 meters to corner 3, at or near Lat. 38° 17' 56.2" N., Long. 76° 27' 46.0" W., then running 323° 13' (True), approximately 114 meters to corner 4, at or near Lat. 38° 17' 59.1" N., Long. 76° 27' 48.8" W., then running 65° 10' (True), approximately 121 meters to corner 5, at or near Lat. 38° 18' 0.8" N., Long. 76° 27' 44.3" W., then running 144° 36' (True), approximately 149 meters to corner 6, at or near Lat. 38° 17' 56.9" N., Long. 76° 27' 40.6" W., then running 240° 59' (True), approximately 87 meters to the point of beginning.

The applicants propose to deploy a combination of floating cages and cages on bottom 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 the proposed lease is available on the Fishing and Boating Services Public Notice web page, http://dnr.maryland.gov/Fisheries/Pages/Pub_Notices.aspx

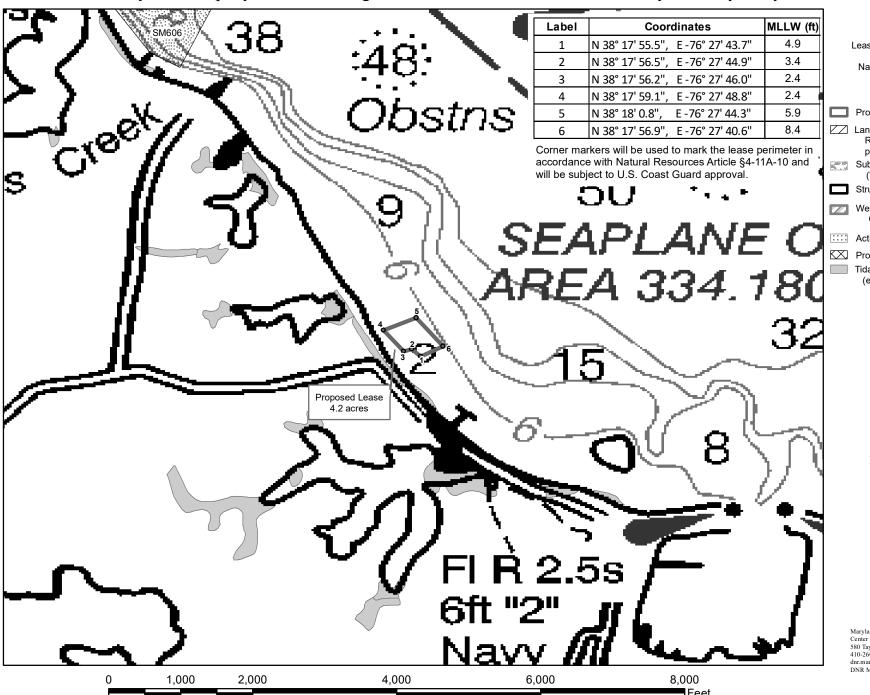
The Department will hold a public informational meeting upon written request from a member of the public. In addition, any person who has a specific right, duty, privilege, or interest that is different from that held by the general public and may be adversely affected by the proposed lease may file 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 30, 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 Water Column Lease NAV Chart Map

Western Shore Oyster Company & Melinda Paglierani #407 - Patuxent River, 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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