PUBLIC NOTICE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FISHING AND BOATING SERVICES APPLICATION FOR SHELLFISH AQUACULTURE LEASE – PJH OYSTER LEASES, LLC & PHILIP J. HARRINGTON, 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 PJH Oyster Leases, LLC and Philip J. Harrington, III in the Nanticoke River, Dorchester County, Maryland, located approximately 2,100 feet northwest of channel marker "5". The area applied for contains 15.1 acres more or less and is enclosed by a line beginning at corner 1, at or near Lat. 38° 14' 51.7" N., Long. 75° 56' 11.6" W., then running 290° 46' (True), approximately 149 meters to corner 2, at or near Lat. 38° 14' 53.3" N., Long. 75° 56' 17.4" W., then running 42° 3' (True), approximately 577 meters to corner 3, at or near Lat. 38° 15' 7.2" N., Long. 75° 56' 1.5" W., then running 185° 50' (True), approximately 173 meters to corner 4, at or near Lat. 38° 15' 1.6" N., Long. 75° 56' 2.1" W., then running 213° 19' (True), approximately 265 meters to corner 5, at or near Lat. 38° 14' 54.4" N., Long. 75° 56' 8.1" W., then running 225° 20' (True), approximately 120 meters to the point of beginning.

The 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 18, 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 PJH Oyster Leases, LLC & Philip J. Harrington, III #365 - Nanticoke River, Dorchester County Maryland

