## PUBLIC NOTICE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FISHING AND BOATING SERVICES APPLICATION FOR SHELLFISH AQUACULTURE LEASES – 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 applications for two shellfish aquaculture submerged land leases by PJH Oyster Leases, LLC and Philip J. Harrington, III in Fishing Bay, Dorchester County, Maryland. The first proposed area, located approximately 3,500 feet northeast of Point No Point, contains 49.7 acres, more or less, and is enclosed by a line beginning at corner 1, at or near Lat. 38° 20' 3.3" N., Long. 76° 0' 10.7" W., then running 307° 19' (True), approximately 409 meters to corner 2, at or near Lat. 38° 20' 11.3" N., Long. 76° 0' 24.1" W., then running 30° 32' (True), approximately 410 meters to corner 3, at or near Lat. 38° 20' 22.9" N., Long. 76° 0' 15.7" W., then running 116° 38' (True), approximately 478 meters to corner 4, at or near Lat. 38° 20' 16.2" N., Long. 75° 59' 58" W., then running 218° 44' (True), approximately 503 meters to the point of beginning.

The second proposed area, located approximately 1,000 feet south of the first proposed area, contains 50.2 acres more or less and is enclosed by a line beginning at corner 1, at or near Lat.  $38^{\circ}$  19' 37.5" N., Long.  $76^{\circ}$  0' 0.3" W., then running 299° 8' (True), approximately 701 meters to corner 2, at or near Lat.  $38^{\circ}$  19' 48.6" N., Long.  $76^{\circ}$  0' 25.5" W., then running  $36^{\circ}$  31' (True), approximately 292 meters to corner 3, at or near Lat.  $38^{\circ}$  19' 56.3" N., Long.  $76^{\circ}$  0' 18.5" W., then running  $118^{\circ}$  8' (True), approximately 667 meters to corner 4, at or near Lat.  $38^{\circ}$  19' 46.1" N., Long.  $75^{\circ}$  59' 54.3" W., then running  $209^{\circ}$  45' (True), approximately 302 meters to the point of beginning.

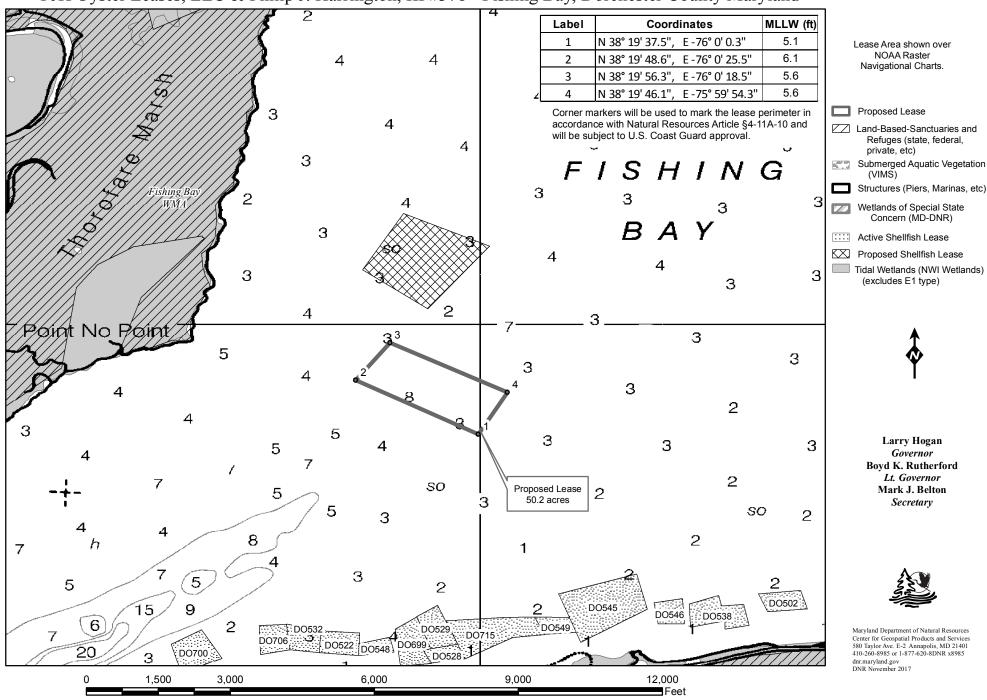
The applicants propose to deposit oyster shell as needed within each of the given areas to a maximum depth of three inches for the purpose of culturing Eastern Oyster (*Crassostrea virginica*), and to harvest using methods approved by the Department. A map of each of the proposed leases is attached.

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 B-2 Annapolis, MD 21401 by January 16, 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 PJH Oyster Leases, LLC & Philip J. Harrington, III #378 - Fishing Bay, Dorchester County Maryland



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