PUBLIC NOTICE
MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
FISHING AND BOATING SERVICES
APPLICATION FOR SHELLFISH AQUACULTURE LEASE – PHILIP PLACK

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 Philip Plack in the Severn River oyster sanctuary, Anne Arundel County, Maryland, located west of the mouth of Weems Creek. The area applied for contains 6.4 acres more or less and is enclosed by a line beginning at corner 1, at or near Lat. 39° 0' 2.7" N., Long. 76° 30' 9.4" W., then running 23° 54' (True), approximately 40 meters to corner 2, at or near Lat. 39° 0' 4.0" N., Long. 76° 30' 8.8" W., then running 307° 7' (True), approximately 256 meters to corner 3, at or near Lat. 39° 0' 9.0" N., Long. 76° 30' 17.2" W., then running 39° 32' (True), approximately 30 meters to corner 4, at or near Lat. 39° 0' 9.7" N., Long. 76° 30' 16.5" W., then running 115° 2' (True), approximately 431 meters to corner 5, at or near Lat. 39° 0' 3.8" N., Long. 76° 30' 0.2" W., then running 262° 41' (True), approximately 223 meters to the point of beginning.

The applicant proposes to place cages on bottom up to a maximum of 18 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 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 September 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 Water Column Lease NAV Chart Map
Philip Plack #362 - Severn River, Anne Arundel County Maryland

Lease Area shown over NOAA Raster Navigational Charts.

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.