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

The Secretary of Mar yland D epartment of N atural R esources (DNR), p ursuant t o N atural R esources Article, §4-11A-09(g), Annotated C ode of M aryland, is giving notice of a n application f or a shellfish aquaculture water co lumn lease by Philip P lack in the Severn R iver oyster s anctuary, Anne A rundel 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 n ear L at. 3 9° 0' 3.8" N., Long. 76° 3 0' 0.2" W ., then running 262° 4 1' (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 E astern O yster (*Crassostrea virginica*), a ndt o ha rvest using methods approved by t he Department. A map of the proposed lease is attached.

The D epartment will hold a public in formational meeting upon written r equest 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 P etition of Protest with the Department. P etitions that meet the requirements of Natural R esources Article §4-11A-09(g) s hall be forwarded to the O ffice 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.

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