## Public Notice Maryland Department of Natural Resources Fishing and Boating Services Application for Shellfish Aquaculture Leases – Shell, LLC

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 by Shell, LLC to add a new gear type to an existing shellfish aquaculture water column lease and to add a water column lease over a submerged land lease in Dorchester County, Maryland. In each case, the proposed area falls directly within the footprint of an existing lease held by the applicant.

The first lease area, identified as TWL-10-0807, is a water column lease located in Tar Bay, approximately 4,000 feet north northwest of Pons Point. The area contains 3.1 acres more or less and is enclosed by a line beginning at corner 1, at or near Lat. 38° 18' 52.2" N., Long. 76° 14' 1.7" W., then running 340° 9' (True), approximately 157 meters to corner 2, at or near Lat. 38° 18' 57.0" N., Long. 76° 14' 3.9" W., then running 70° 46' (True), approximately 80 meters to corner 3, at or near Lat. 38° 18' 57.9" N., Long. 76° 14' 0.8" W., then running 160° 45' (True), approximately 154 meters to corner 4, at or near Lat. 38° 18' 53.2" N., Long. 76° 13' 58.6" W., then running 248° 44' (True), approximately 81 meters to the point of beginning.

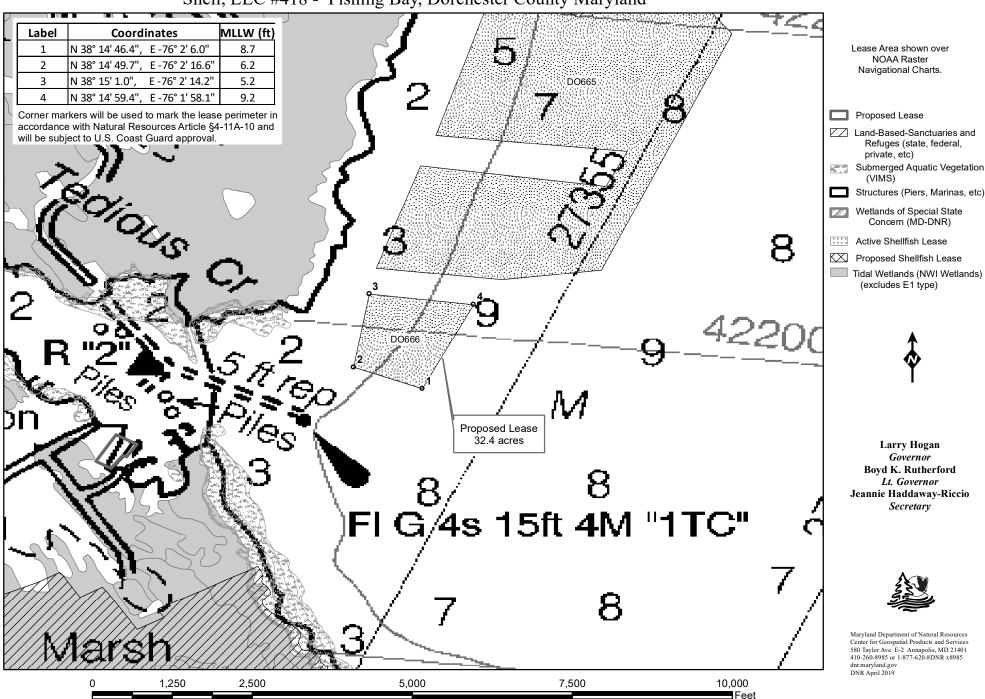
The second lease area, identified as DO 666, is a submerged land lease located in Fishing Bay, approximately 1,200 feet northeast of channel marker "1TC". The applicant proposes to add a water column lease over the existing submerged land lease. The area contains 32.4 acres more or less and is enclosed by a line beginning at corner 1, at or near Lat. 38° 14' 46.4" N., Long. 76° 2' 6.0" W., then running 292° 33' (True), approximately 277 meters to corner 2, at or near Lat. 38° 14' 49.7" N., Long. 76° 2' 16.6" W., then running 10° 30' (True), approximately 353 meters to corner 3, at or near Lat. 38° 15' 1.0" N., Long. 76° 2' 14.2" W., then running 97° 11' (True), approximately 394 meters to corner 4, at or near Lat. 38° 14' 59.4" N., Long. 76° 1' 58.1" W., then running 206° 36' (True), approximately 444 meters to the point of beginning.

The applicant proposes to deploy floating cage gear within each of the areas described above for the purpose of culturing Eastern Oyster (*Crassostrea virginica*), and to harvest using methods approved by the Department. A map of each of the existing leases is available on the Fishing and Boating Services Public Notice web page, <a href="http://dnr.maryland.gov/Fisheries/Pages/Pub">http://dnr.maryland.gov/Fisheries/Pages/Pub</a> 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 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 E-4 Annapolis, MD 21401 by June 10, 2019. 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.

Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio, Secretary Maryland Department of Natural Resources

## Proposed Shellfish Water Column Lease NAV Chart Map Shell, LLC #418 - Fishing Bay, Dorchester County Maryland



## Shellfish Water Column Lease NAV Chart Map Shell, LLC #419 - Tar Bay, Dorchester County Maryland

