PUBLIC NOTICE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FISHING AND BOATING SERVICES APPLICATION FOR SHELLFISH AQUACULTURE LEASE – JOHN C. TOLZMAN, AUGUST TOLZMAN & PAUL G. TOLZMAN

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 John C. Tolzman, August Tolzman and Paul G. Tolzman in St. Jerome Creek, St. Mary's County, Maryland, located on the eastern side of the mouth of Taylor Cove. The area applied for contains 4.2 acres more or less and is enclosed by a line beginning corner 1, at or near Lat. 38° 7' 34.2" N., Long. 76° 21' 12.8" W., then running 336° 14' (True), approximately 198 meters to corner 2, at or near Lat. 38° 7' 40.1" N., Long. 76° 21' 16.1" W., then running 66° 22' (True), approximately 63 meters to corner 3, at or near Lat. 38° 7' 40.9" N., Long. 76° 21' 13.7" W., then running 164° 36' (True), approximately 31 meters to corner 4, at or near Lat. 38° 7' 39.9" N., Long. 76° 21' 13.3" W., then running 150° 29' (True), approximately 25 meters to corner 5, at or near Lat. 38° 7' 39.2" N., Long. 76° 21' 12.8" W., then running 107° 54' (True), approximately 86 meters to corner 6, at or near Lat. 38° 7' 38.4" N., Long. 76° 21' 9.4" W., then running 172° 18' (True), approximately 58 meters to corner 7, at or near Lat. 38° 7' 36.5" N., Long. 76° 21' 9.1" W., then running 232° 48' (True), approximately 114 meters to the point of beginning.

The applicants propose to deploy a combination of floating gear and both bags and cages on bottom up to a maximum of 18 inches high for the purpose of culturing Eastern Oyster (*Crassostrea virginica*) and several native clam species, and to harvest using methods approved by the Department. A map of the proposed lease is available on the Fishing and Boating Services Public Notice web page, http://dnr.maryland.gov/Fisheries/Pages/Pub_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 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 E-4 Annapolis, MD 21401 by May 18, 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 Water Column Lease NAV Chart Map John C. Tolzman, August Tolzman & Paul G. Tolzman #369 - St. Jerome Creek, St. Mary's County Maryland

