Public Notice
Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Fishing and Boating Services
Application for Shellfish Aquaculture Lease – Steven M. Townsend, Sr., Steven M. Townsend, Jr. and Sandra L. Townsend

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 submerged land lease by Steven M. Townsend, Sr., Steven M. Townsend, Jr. and Sandra L. Townsend in the Wicomico River, Somerset County, Maryland, located approximately 1,500 feet west northwest of Webster’s Cove. The area applied for contains 7.3 acres more or less and is enclosed by a line beginning at corner 1, at or near Lat. 38° 14’ 53.0” N., Long. 75° 50’ 19.4” W., then running 16° 44’ (True), approximately 297 meters to corner 2, at or near Lat. 38° 15’ 2.3” N., Long. 75° 50’ 16.1” W., then running 66° 21’ (True), approximately 54 meters to corner 3, at or near Lat. 38° 15’ 3.0” N., Long. 75° 50’ 14.0” W., then running 131° 25’ (True), approximately 149 meters to corner 4, at or near Lat. 38° 14’ 59.8” N., Long. 75° 50’ 9.4” W., then running 229° 14’ (True), approximately 319 meters to the point of beginning.

The applicants propose to deposit oyster shell and spat-on-shell as needed within the given area to a maximum depth of six inches 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 E-4 Annapolis, MD 21401 by March 22, 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
Acting Secretary
Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Proposed Shellfish Submerged Land Lease NAV Chart Map
Steven M. Townsend, Sr., Steven M. Townsend, Jr. & Sandra L. Townsend #439 - Wicomico River, Somerset County Maryland

Lease Area shown over NOAA Raster Navigational Charts.

- Proposed Lease
- Land-Based-Sanctuaries and Refuges (state, federal, private, etc)
- Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (VIMS)
- Structures (Piers, Marinas, etc)
- Wetlands of Special State Concern (MD-DNR)
- Active Shellfish Lease
- Proposed Shellfish Lease
- Tidal Wetlands (NWI Wetlands) (excludes E1 type)

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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.

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