

Public Notice
Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Fishing and Boating Services
Proposed Change to Shellfish Aquaculture Lease – Jason Wilford

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 by Jason Wilford to add a new gear type to an existing shellfish aquaculture water column lease in the Sandy Hill Oyster Sanctuary, Choptank River, Dorchester County, Maryland. The shellfish lease is located approximately 2,500 feet west northwest of the mouth of Jenkins Creek. The proposed new gear will be located within the footprint of lease DO 738, which is held by the applicant.

DO 738 contains 5.0 acres more or less and is enclosed by a line beginning at corner 1, at or near Lat. 38° 35' 14.4" N., Long. 76° 7' 16.5" W., then running 317° 17' (True), approximately 143 meters to corner 2, at or near Lat. 38° 35' 17.8" N., Long. 76° 7' 20.5" W., then running 47° 4' (True), approximately 144 meters to corner 3, at or near Lat. 38° 35' 21.0" N., Long. 76° 7' 16.1" W., then running 140° 42' (True), approximately 141 meters to corner 4, at or near Lat. 38° 35' 17.5" N., Long. 76° 7' 12.3" W., then running 226° 22' (True), approximately 138 meters to the point of beginning.

The applicant proposes to deploy floating cage gear, in addition to the previously authorized bottom cages, within the area described above for the purpose of culturing Eastern Oyster (*Crassostrea virginica*), and to harvest using methods approved by the Department. A map of the existing lease is available on the Fishing and Boating Services Public Notice web page, 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 new gear 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 November 2, 2020. 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









Shellfish Water Column Lease NAV Chart Map

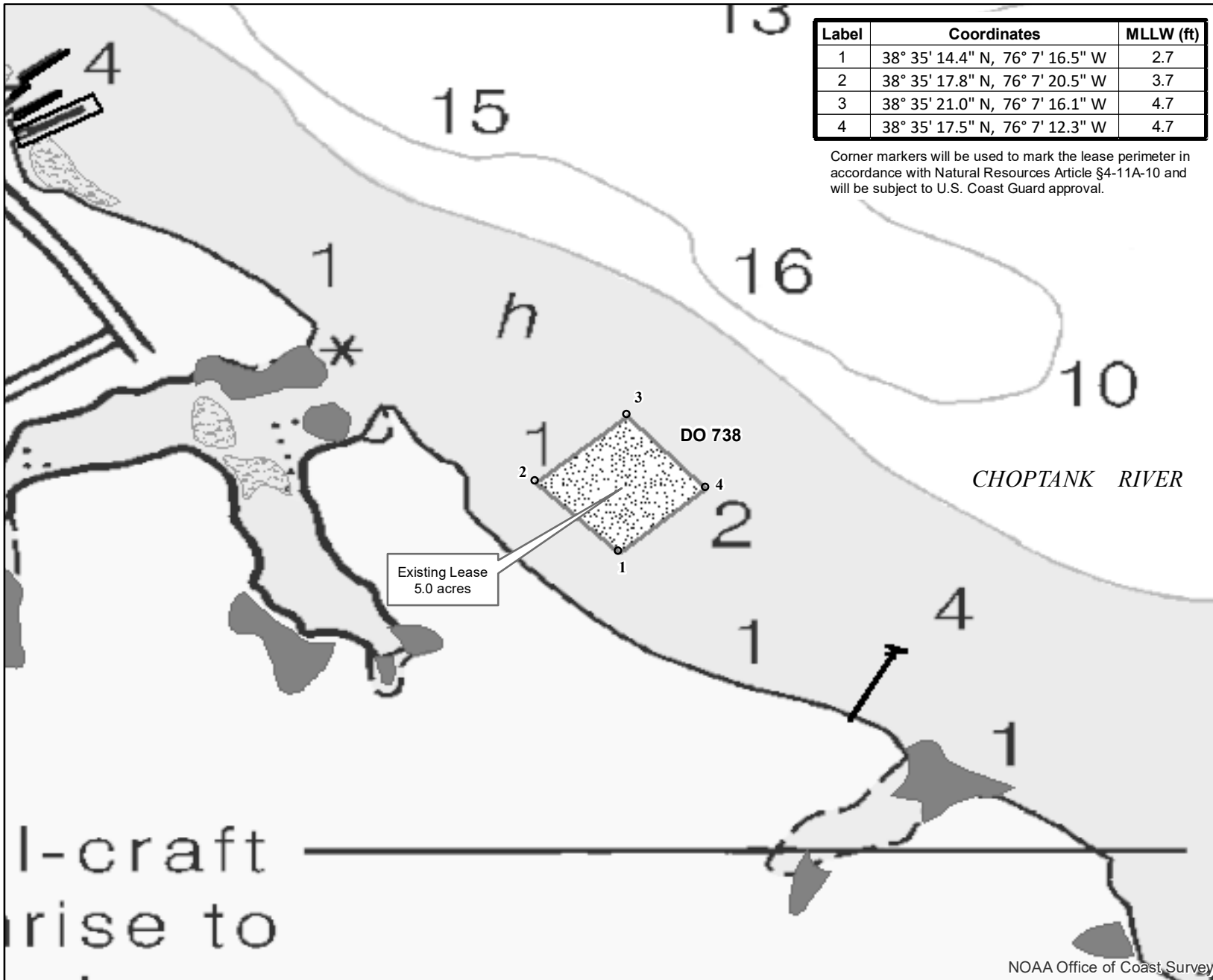
Jason Wilford #518 - Choptank River, Dorchester County Maryland

Label	Coordinates	MLLW (ft)
1	38° 35' 14.4" N, 76° 7' 16.5" W	2.7
2	38° 35' 17.8" N, 76° 7' 20.5" W	3.7
3	38° 35' 21.0" N, 76° 7' 16.1" W	4.7
4	38° 35' 17.5" N, 76° 7' 12.3" W	4.7

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.

Lease Area shown over NOAA Raster Navigational Charts.

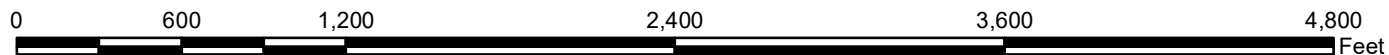
-  Proposed New Gear Area
-  Land-Based-Sanctuaries and Refuges (state, federal, private, etc)
-  Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (VIMS)
-  Structures (Piers, Marinas, etc)
-  Wetlands of Special State Concern (MD-DNR)
-  Active Shellfish Lease
-  Proposed Shellfish Lease
-  Tidal Wetlands (NWI Wetlands)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



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