PUBLIC NOTICE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FISHING AND BOATING SERVICES APPLICATION FOR SHELLFISH AQUACULTURE LEASE – JASON WILFORD & JENNIFER SELFRIDGE

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 Jason Wilford and Jennifer Selfridge in the Sandy Hill oyster sanctuary of the Choptank River, Dorchester County, Maryland, located approximately 2,500 feet west northwest of the mouth of Jenkins Creek. The area applied for 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 applicants propose to place cages on bottom up to a maximum of 18 inches high 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 August 13, 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.

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Secretary
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Proposed Shellfish Water Column Lease NAV Chart Map

