Public Notice
Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Fishing and Boating Services
Application for Shellfish Aquaculture Lease – Ryan Zeinog and Michael Lauck

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 Ryan Zeinog and Michael Lauck in the Sandy Hill oyster sanctuary of the Choptank River, Dorchester County, Maryland, located approximately 3,500 feet southeast of Horn Point. The area applied for contains 59.9 acres more or less and is enclosed by a line beginning at corner 1, at or near Lat. 38° 35' 43.0" N., Long. 76° 7' 36.6" W., then running 317° 28' (True), approximately 687 meters to corner 2, at or near Lat. 38° 35' 59.4" N., Long. 76° 7' 55.8" W., then running 59° 11' (True), approximately 438 meters to corner 3, at or near Lat. 38° 36' 6.7" N., Long. 76° 7' 40.2" W., then running 134° 6' (True), approximately 407 meters to corner 4, at or near Lat. 38° 35' 57.5" N., Long. 76° 7' 28.1" W., then running 205° 32' (True), approximately 492 meters to the point of beginning.

The applicants propose to deposit oyster shell as needed within the given area to a maximum depth of three 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 February 25, 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.

Mark J. Belton
Secretary
Maryland Department of Natural Resources
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.