Public Notice
Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Fishing and Boating Services
Application for Shellfish Aquaculture Lease – Scott Budden #484, Queen Anne's County

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 Scott Budden in the Chester River, Queen Anne's County, Maryland, located approximately 4,000 feet southwest of Coursey Point and 4,000 feet northeast of Walsey Creek. The area applied for contains 5.3 acres more or less and is enclosed by a line beginning at corner 1, at or near Lat. 38° 59' 20.3" N., Long. 76° 10' 58.3" W., then running 307° 59' (True), approximately 125 meters to corner 2, at or near Lat. 38° 59' 22.7" N., Long. 76° 11' 2.4" W., then running 44° 5' (True), approximately 168 meters to corner 3, at or near Lat. 38° 59' 26.7" N., Long. 76° 10' 57.6" W., then running 129° 32' (True), approximately 131 meters to corner 4, at or near Lat. 38° 59' 24" N., Long. 76° 10' 53.3" W., then running 226° 27' (True), approximately 166 meters to the point of beginning.

The applicant proposes to place cages on bottom up to a maximum of 18 inches high and deploy floating cages simultaneously throughout the lease area, 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 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 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 a public informational meeting, 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 April 25, 2022. For questions about the project or the public notice, please contact Rebecca Thur in 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