

Public Notice
Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Fishing and Boating Services
Application for Shellfish Aquaculture Lease – Maryland Seafood Cooperative, Inc. #495,
Somerset 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 submerged land lease by Maryland Seafood Cooperative, Inc. in the Manokin River oyster sanctuary, Somerset County, Maryland, located approximately 1,353 feet west of St. Pierre Point and 1,390 feet southwest of channel marker "6". The area applied for contains 28.3 acres more or less and is enclosed by a line beginning at corner 1, at or near Lat. 38° 7' 10.1" N., Long. 75° 50' 43.8" W., then running 356° 59' (True), approximately 139 meters to corner 2, at or near Lat. 38° 7' 14.6" N., Long. 75° 50' 44.2" W., then running 31° 3' (True), approximately 302 meters to corner 3, at or near Lat. 38° 7' 23" N., Long. 75° 50' 37.8" W., then running 357° 31' (True), approximately 321 meters to corner 4, at or near Lat. 38° 7' 33.4" N., Long. 75° 50' 38.6" W., then running 45° 9' (True), approximately 144 meters to corner 5, at or near Lat. 38° 7' 36.7" N., Long. 75° 50' 34.4" W., then running 178° 25' (True), approximately 792 meters to corner 6, at or near Lat. 38° 7' 11" N., Long. 75° 50' 33.5" W., then running 264° 41' (True), approximately 252 meters to the point of beginning.

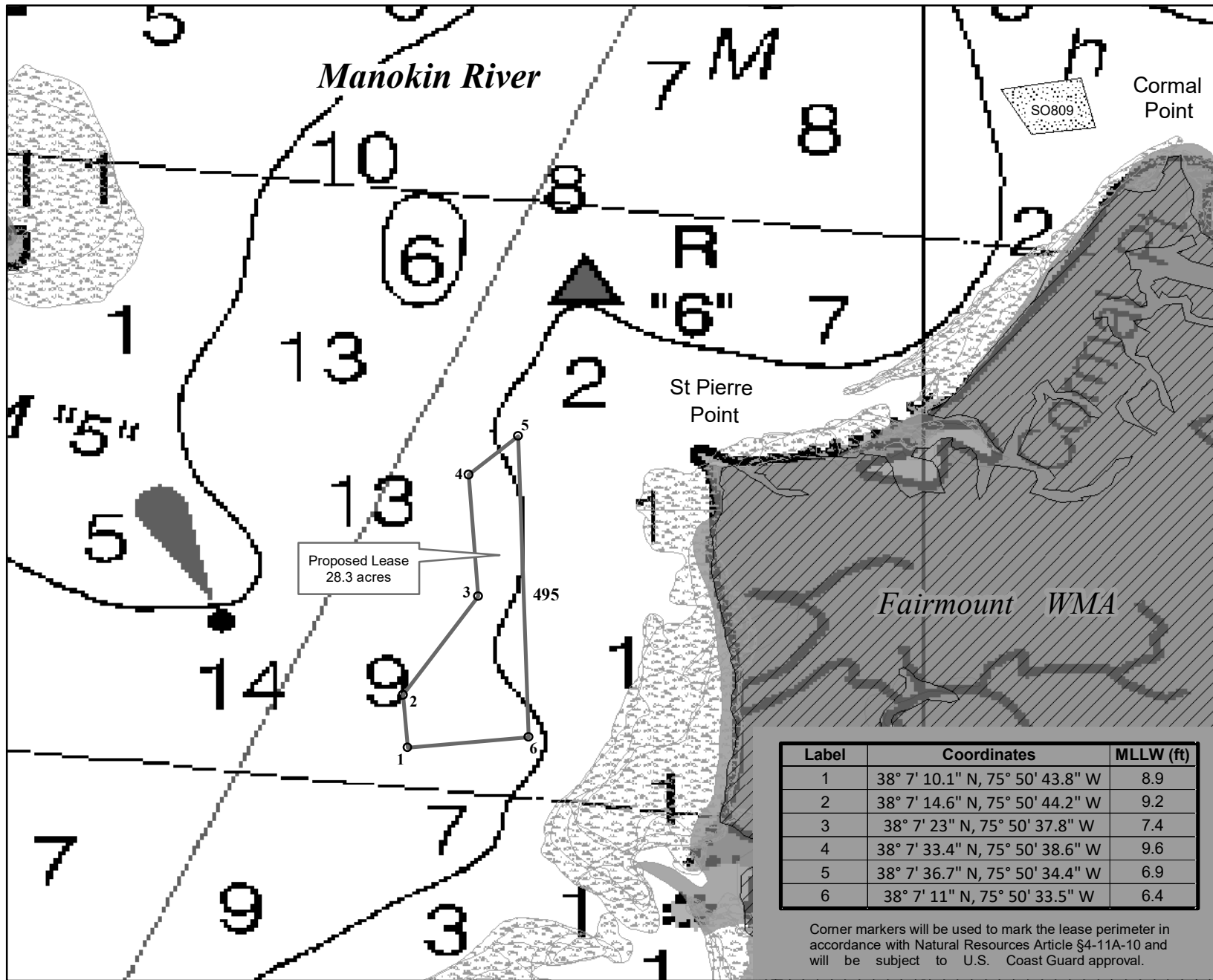
The applicant proposes to deposit oyster shell and spat-on-shell as needed within the given area to a maximum depth of three inches high for the purpose of culturing Eastern Oyster (*Crassostrea virginica*), and to harvest using methods approved by the Department. A map of the proposed lease is available 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 May 19, 2023. 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.

Josh Kurtz, Secretary
Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Proposed Shellfish Submerged Land Lease NAV Chart Map

Maryland Seafood Cooperative, Inc. #495 - Manokin 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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