## Public Notice Maryland Department of Natural Resources Fishing and Boating Services Application for Shellfish Aquaculture Lease – Jeffrey Gombos & Faith Gombos #519, Talbot 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 Jeffrey Gombos & Faith Gombos near the mouth of the Choptank River, Talbot County, Maryland, located approximately 1,820 feet east of Lower Bar Neck Point off of Tilghman Island. The area applied for contains 13.3 acres more or less and is enclosed by a line beginning at corner 001, at or near Lat. 38° 40' 42.78" N., Long. 76° 18' 51.7" W., then running 271° 21' (True), approximately 236 meters to corner 002, at or near Lat. 38° 40' 42.96" N., Long. 76° 19' 1.5" W., then running 18° 12' (True), approximately 289 meters to corner 003, at or near Lat. 38° 40' 51.89" N., Long. 76° 18' 57.76" W., then running 92° 27' (True), approximately 152 meters to corner 004, at or near Lat. 38° 40' 51.68" N., Long. 76° 18' 51.46" W., then running 181° 15' (True), approximately 274 meters to the point of beginning.

The applicants propose to deposit oyster shell and spat-on-shell as needed within the given area to a maximum depth of four 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 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 January 24, 2022. 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



