

Public Notice
Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Fishing and Boating Services
Application for Shellfish Aquaculture Lease – Bradford R. Lewis, Jr. & Thomas A. Lewis
#524, 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 submerged land lease by Bradford R. Lewis, Jr. and Thomas A. Lewis in Crab Alley Bay, Queen Anne’s County, Maryland, located approximately 1,000 feet southeast of Johnson Island and 600 feet east of green channel marker “1”, adjacent to Little Island. The area applied for contains 1.6 acres more or less and is enclosed by a line beginning at corner 1, at or near Lat. 38° 55' 40.6" N., Long. 76° 17' 9.8" W., then running 315° 5' (True), approximately 47 meters to corner 2, at or near Lat. 38° 55' 41.7" N., Long. 76° 17' 11.2" W., then running 47° 56' (True), approximately 146 meters to corner 3, at or near Lat. 38° 55' 44.9" N., Long. 76° 17' 6.8" W., then running 140° 22' (True), approximately 40 meters to corner 4, at or near Lat. 38° 55' 43.9" N., Long. 76° 17' 5.7" W., then running 224° 25' (True), approximately 142 meters to the point of beginning.

The Department conducted a biological survey within the proposed area, evaluated harvest records and determined that this portion of Public Shellfish Fishery Area 83 and Natural Oyster Bar 7-6 is eligible to be declassified in accordance with Code of Maryland Regulations, 08.02.04.17B. Pending declassification, the applicants propose to deposit oyster shell and spat-on-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. Lease corners will be marked in accordance with Code of Maryland Regulations. 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 13, 2025. For questions about the project or the public notice, please contact the DNR Aquaculture and Industry Enhancement Division at aquaculturepubliccomment.dnr@maryland.gov or 410-260-8252.

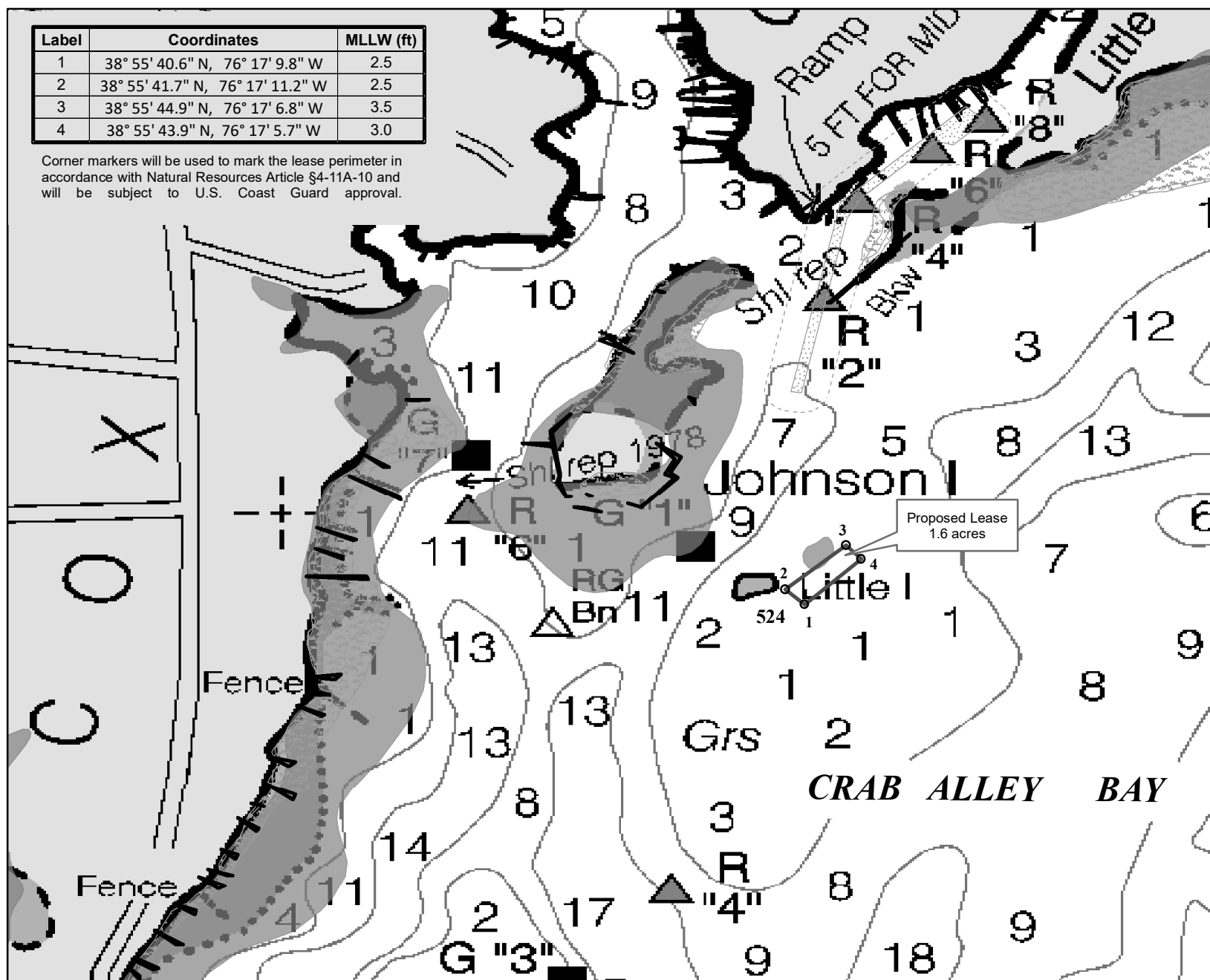
Josh Kurtz, Secretary
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





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Label	Coordinates	MLLW (ft)
1	38° 55' 40.6" N, 76° 17' 9.8" W	2.5
2	38° 55' 41.7" N, 76° 17' 11.2" W	2.5
3	38° 55' 44.9" N, 76° 17' 6.8" W	3.5
4	38° 55' 43.9" N, 76° 17' 5.7" W	3.0

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.



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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