

Public Notice
Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Fishing and Boating Services
Application for Shellfish Aquaculture Lease – Lee R. Beauchamp & Matthew R. Holloway
#546, Worcester 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 Lee R. Beauchamp and Matthew R. Holloway in Chincoteague Bay, Worcester County, Maryland, located approximately 9,000 feet northwest of the Scotts Landing portion of the Assateague Island National Seashore in the vicinity of the Pirate Islands, and 4,850 feet east of red channel marker "26". The area applied for contains 38.3 acres more or less and is enclosed by a line beginning at corner 1, at or near Lat. 38° 6' 42.1" N., Long. 75° 14' 35.7" W., then running 293° 50' (True), approximately 347 meters to corner 2, at or near Lat. 38° 6' 46.5" N., Long. 75° 14' 48.8" W., then running 26° 28' (True), approximately 456 meters to corner 3, at or near Lat. 38° 6' 59.7" N., Long. 75° 14' 40.4" W., then running 116° 11' (True), approximately 347 meters to corner 4, at or near Lat. 38° 6' 54.7" N., Long. 75° 14' 27.6" W., then running 207° 39' (True), approximately 436 meters to the point of beginning.

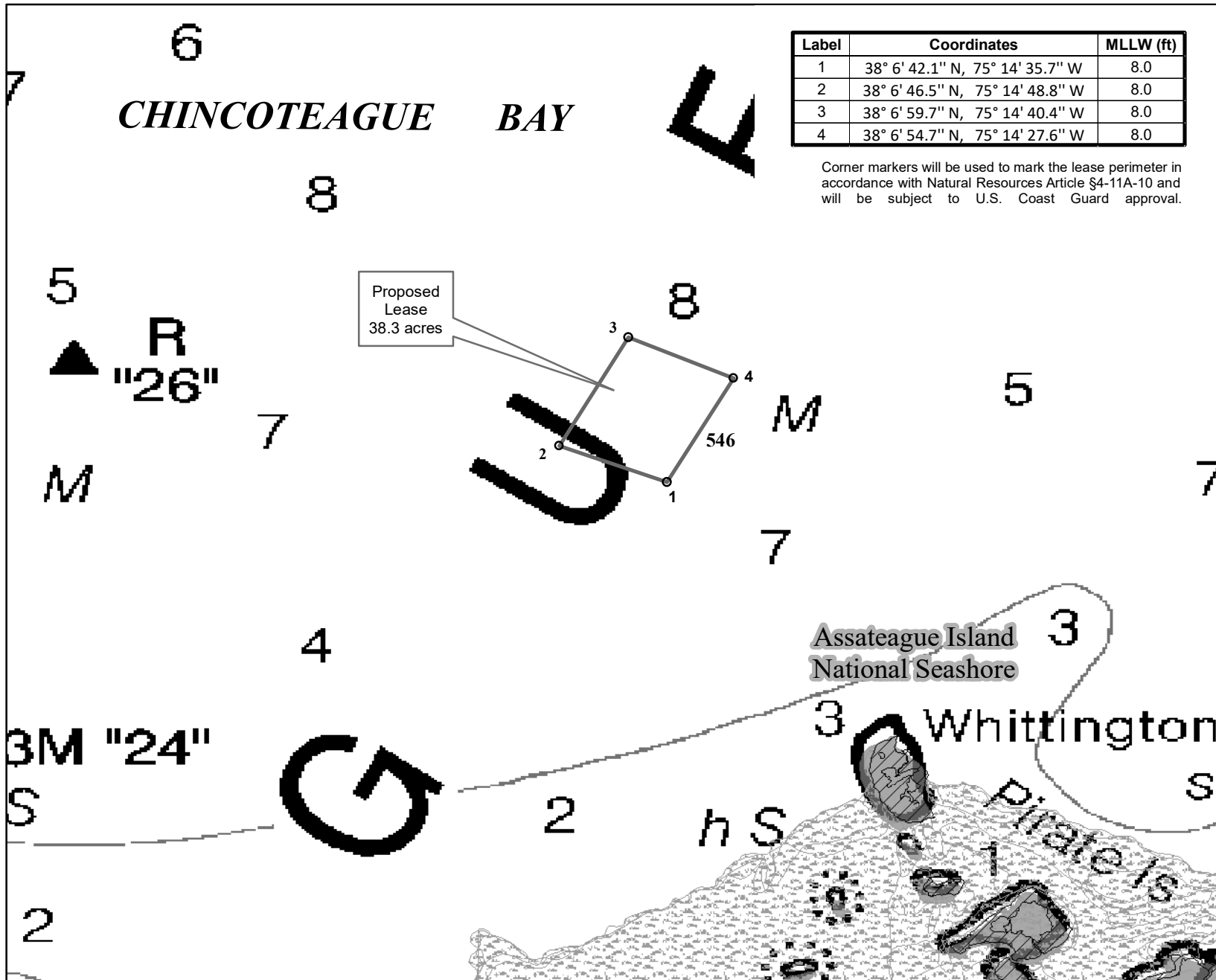
The applicants proposes to deploy lantern net style containers measuring approximately 2' diameter x 4' tall, that are suspended in mid-water from rows of anchored longlines, and each marked with a floating buoy, for the purpose of culturing Bay Scallop (*Argopecten irradians*) and Eastern Oyster (*Crassostrea virginica*). Harvest will conform to 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 6, 2024. 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
Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Proposed Shellfish Water Column Lease NAV Chart Map

Lee R. Beauchamp & Matthew R. Holloway #546 - Chincoteague Bay, Worcester 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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