

**Public Notice**  
**Maryland Department of Natural Resources**  
**Fishing and Boating Services**  
**Application for Shellfish Aquaculture Lease – Southern Connection Seafood, Inc. #490,**  
**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 water column lease by Southern Connection Seafood, Inc. in the Little Annemessex River, Somerset County, Maryland, located approximately 2,330 feet southeast of red channel marker “8” on the Crisfield Harbor channel and 530 feet west from Hammock Point. The area applied for contains 3.6 acres more or less and is enclosed by a line beginning at corner 1, at or near Lat. 37° 57' 44.5" N., Long. 75° 52' 2.7" W., then running 273° 14' (True), approximately 98 meters to corner 2, at or near Lat. 37° 57' 44.7" N., Long. 75° 52' 6.7" W., then running 357° 20' (True), approximately 147 meters to corner 3, at or near Lat. 37° 57' 49.5" N., Long. 75° 52' 7" W., then running 88° 6' (True), approximately 93 meters to corner 4, at or near Lat. 37° 57' 49.6" N., Long. 75° 52' 3.2" W., then running 176° 36' (True), approximately 156 meters to the point of beginning.

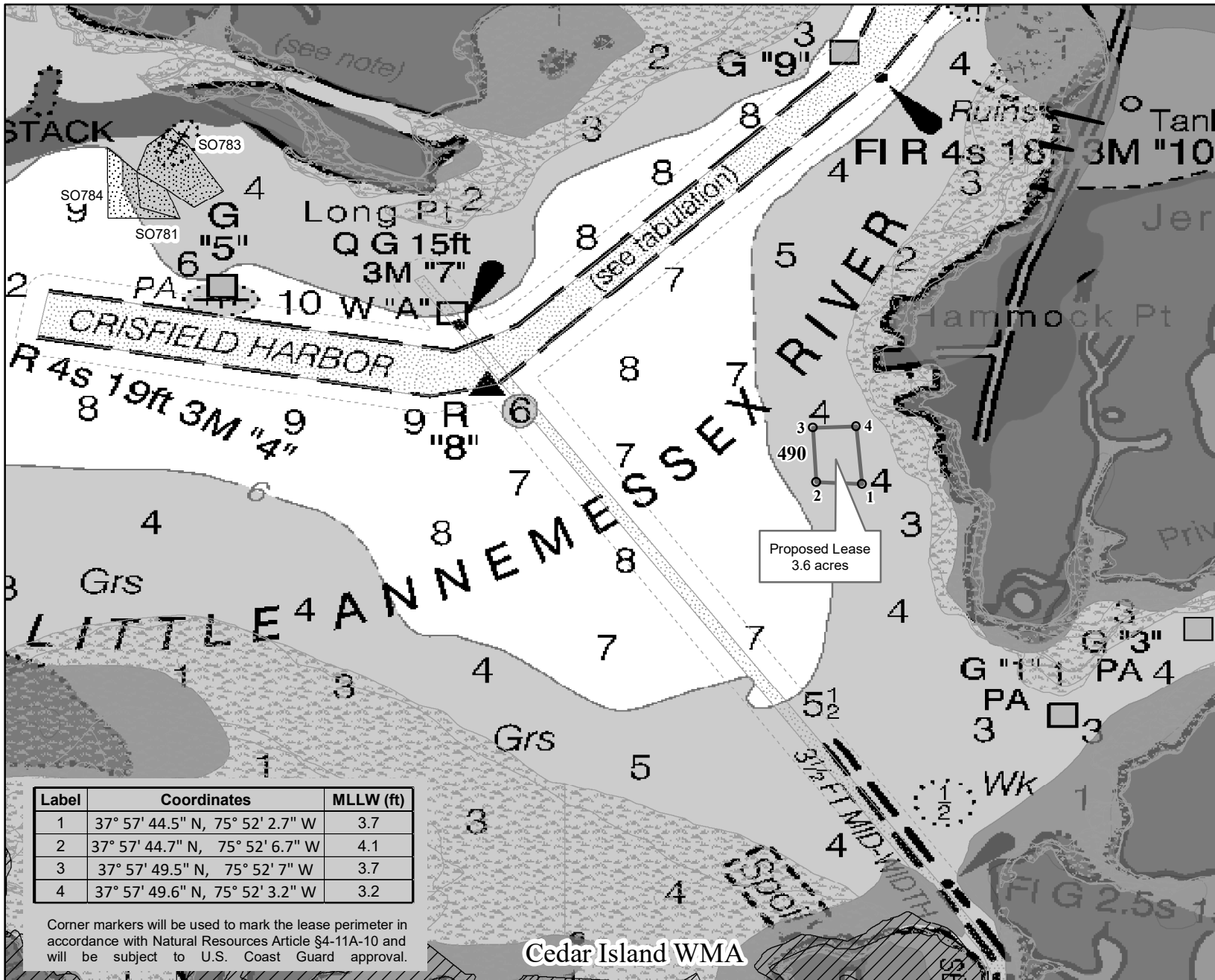
The applicant proposes to place cages on bottom up to a maximum of 24 inches high for the purpose of culturing Eastern Oyster (*Crassostrea virginica*), and to harvest using methods approved by the Department. A map of the proposed lease is available on the Fishing and Boating Services Public Notice web page, [dnr.maryland.gov/Fisheries/Pages/Pub\\_Notices.aspx](http://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 3, 2024. For questions about the project or the public notice, please contact the DNR Aquaculture and Industry Enhancement Division at [aquaculturepubliccomment.dnr@maryland.gov](mailto:aquaculturepubliccomment.dnr@maryland.gov) or 410-260-8252.

**Josh Kurtz, Secretary**  
**Maryland Department of Natural Resources**

# Proposed Shellfish Water Column Lease NAV Chart Map

Southern Connection Seafood, Inc. #490 - Little Annemessex 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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Label	Coordinates	MLLW (ft)
1	37° 57' 44.5" N, 75° 52' 2.7" W	3.7
2	37° 57' 44.7" N, 75° 52' 6.7" W	4.1
3	37° 57' 49.5" N, 75° 52' 7" W	3.7
4	37° 57' 49.6" N, 75° 52' 3.2" W	3.2

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.

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