Public Notice Maryland Department of Natural Resources Fishing and Boating Services Application for Shellfish Aquaculture Lease – Michael C. Wierzbicki #534, Anne Arundel 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 Michael C. Wierzbicki in the Chesapeake Bay, Anne Arundel County, Maryland, located approximately 320 feet southeast of navigational aid "5" at the outlet of Oyster Creek. The area applied for contains 0.8 acres more or less and is enclosed by a line beginning at Beginning at corner 4, at or near Lat. 38° 55' 34.1" N., Long. 76° 27' 43.8" W., then running 272° 43' (True), approximately 59 meters to corner 1, at or near Lat. 38° 55' 34.1" N., Long. 76° 27' 46.3" W., then running 29° 36' (True), approximately 79 meters to corner 2, at or near Lat. 38° 55' 36.4" N., Long. 76° 27' 44.7" W., then running 107° 1' (True), approximately 40 meters to corner 3, at or near Lat. 38° 55' 36" N., Long. 76° 27' 43.1" W., then running 196° 27' (True), approximately 62 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 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 September 6, 2022. 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.

Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio, Secretary Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Proposed Shellfish Submerged Land Lease NAV Chart Map

Michael C. Wierzbicki #534 - Chesapeake Bay, Anne Arundel County Maryland

