Public Notice Maryland Department of Natural Resources Fishing and Boating Services Applications for Shellfish Aquaculture Leases – Lawrence Rudner & Pamela R. Getson #510 and #515, Talbot County

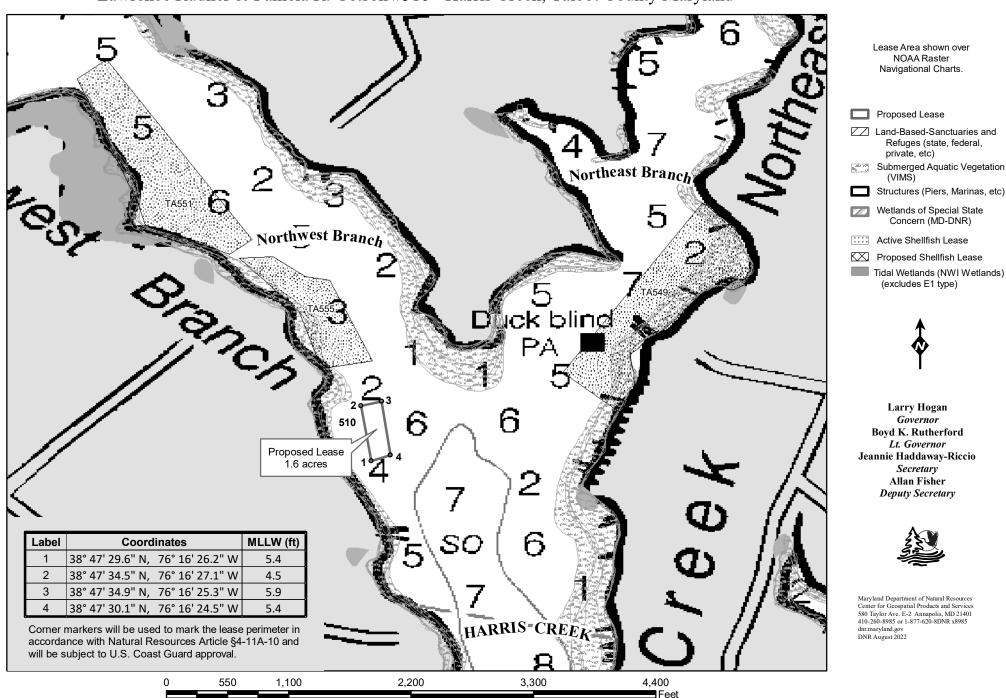
The Secretary of Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR), pursuant to Natural Resources Article, §4-11A-09(g), Annotated Code of Maryland, is giving notice of applications for two shellfish aquaculture water column leases by Lawrence Rudner and Pamela R. Getson in Harris Creek, Talbot County, Maryland. The first proposed area, in the Harris Creek oyster sanctuary, at the confluence of the Northwest Branch of Harris Creek with the main stem of Harris Creek, contains 1.6 acres, more or less, and is enclosed by a line beginning at corner 1, at or near Lat. 38° 47' 29.6" N., Long. 76° 16' 26.2" W., then running 352° 54' (True), approximately 151 meters to corner 2, at or near Lat. 38° 47' 34.5" N., Long. 76° 16' 25.3" W., then running 173° 53' (True), approximately 148 meters to corner 4, at or near Lat. 38° 47' 30.1" N., Long. 76° 16' 24.5" W., then running 252° 51' (True), approximately 42 meters to the point of beginning.

The second proposed area, located in an unnamed waterway in the Harris Creek oyster sanctuary, between Briary Cove and Cummings Creek, contains 1.8 acres more or less and is enclosed by a line beginning at corner 1, at or near Lat. 38° 46' 26.5" N., Long. 76° 17' 57.3" W., then running 279° 56' (True), approximately 92 meters to corner 2, at or near Lat. 38° 46' 27" N., Long. 76° 18' 1.1" W., then running 8° 48' (True), approximately 69 meters to corner 3, at or near Lat. 38° 46' 29.2" N., Long. 76° 18' 1.7" W., then running 99° 32' (True), approximately 116 meters to corner 4, at or near Lat. 38° 46' 28.6" N., Long. 76° 17' 55.9" W., then running 207° 0' (True), approximately 73 meters to the point of beginning.

Within each area the applicants propose to deploy rows of cages that are either floating at the surface or resting on-bottom, seasonally, for the purpose of culturing Eastern Oyster (*Crassostrea virginica*), and to harvest using methods approved by the Department. When submerged on-bottom, the cages would extend a maximum of 22 inches high from the substrate; when floating at the surface, they would rise approximately 6 to 10 inches above the water line. A map of each of the proposed leases is available on the Fishing and Boating Services Public Notice web page, <u>dnr.maryland.gov/Fisheries/Pages/Pub_Notices.aspx</u>.

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 one or both of the proposed leases 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 November 4, 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 Water Column Lease NAV Chart Map Lawrence Rudner & Pamela R. Getson #510 - Harris Creek, Talbot County Maryland

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