Public Notice Maryland Department of Natural Resources Fishing and Boating Services Application for Shellfish Aquaculture Lease – Wylie M. Abbott, Jr., Jason M. Abbott, Pamela J. Abbott and Kristin Hutson

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 Wylie M. Abbott, Jr., Jason M. Abbott, Pamela J. Abbott and Kristin Hutson in Fishing Bay, Dorchester County, Maryland, located south of McCreadys Cove and approximately 3,500 feet southeast of channel marker "4". The application is also adjacent to two shellfish aquaculture leases, DO 726 and DO 727, held by the applicants. The area applied for contains 39.6 acres more or less and is enclosed by a line beginning at corner 1, at or near Lat. 38° 16' 50.0" N., Long. 75° 59' 53.7" W., then running 326° 60' (True), approximately 797 meters to corner 2, at or near Lat. 38° 17' 11.4" N., Long. 76° 0' 12.0" W., then running 62° 53' (True), approximately 195 meters to corner 3, at or near Lat. 38° 17' 14.4" N., Long. 76° 0' 4.9" W., then running 145° 49' (True), approximately 781 meters to corner 4, at or near Lat. 38° 16' 53.7" N., Long. 75° 59' 46.4" W., then running 236° 13' (True), approximately 105 meters to corner 5, at or near Lat. 38° 16' 51.8" N., Long. 75° 59' 50.0" W., then running 238° 21' (True), approximately 105 meters to the point of beginning.

The applicants propose to place cages on bottom up to a maximum of 18 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, 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 public informational meetings, 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 9, 2019. For questions about the project or the public notice please contact Rebecca Thur at 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

Wylie M. Abbott, Jr., Jason M. Abbott, Pamela J. Abbott & Kristin Hutson #480 - Fishing Bay, Dorchester County Maryland

