Public Notice Maryland Department of Natural Resources Fishing and Boating Services Application for Shellfish Aquaculture Lease – Joshua Buckler and Holly Buckler

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 Joshua Buckler and Holly Buckler in the Upper Patuxent River oyster sanctuary, St. Mary's County, Maryland, located approximately 1,500 feet northwest of Long Point. The area applied for contains 26.9 acres more or less and is enclosed by a line beginning at corner 1, at or near Lat. 38° 29' 39.7" N., Long. 76° 40' 25.2" W., then running 299° 41' (True), approximately 620 meters to corner 2, at or near Lat. 38° 29' 49.4" N., Long. 76° 40' 47.6" W., then running 55° 6' (True), approximately 319 meters to corner 3, at or near Lat. 38° 29' 55.3" N., Long. 76° 40' 36.8" W., then running 142° 41' (True), approximately 522 meters to corner 4, at or near Lat. 38° 29' 42.1" N., Long. 76° 40' 23.4" W., then running 211° 32' (True), approximately 82 meters to the point of beginning.

The applicants propose 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, 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 30, 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.

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