

Public Notice
Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Fishing and Boating Services
Application for Shellfish Aquaculture Lease – Robert F. Abner, Sr. & Shawn Abner #523,
Calvert 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 Robert F. Abner, Sr. and Shawn Abner in the Chesapeake Bay, Calvert County, Maryland. The proposed lease is located in the Herring Bay oyster sanctuary adjacent to existing shellfish leases held by the applicants, approximately 3,130 feet east southeast of the North Beach fishing pier, and 2,645 feet northeast of navigational aid “1” at the entrance of the Fishing Creek channel. The area applied for contains 27.3 acres more or less and is enclosed by a line beginning at corner 1, at or near Lat. 38° 41' 55.9" N., Long. 76° 31' 7.7" W., then running 358° 47' (True), approximately 601 meters to corner 2, at or near Lat. 38° 42' 15.4" N., Long. 76° 31' 8.1" W., then running 82° 54' (True), approximately 182 meters to corner 3, at or near Lat. 38° 42' 16.1" N., Long. 76° 31' 0.6" W., then running 184° 2' (True), approximately 96 meters to corner 4, at or near Lat. 38° 42' 13.0" N., Long. 76° 31' 0.9" W., then running 176° 47' (True), approximately 522 meters to corner 5, at or near Lat. 38° 41' 56.1" N., Long. 76° 30' 59.8" W., then running 267° 51' (True), approximately 191 meters to the point of beginning.

The applicants propose to deposit oyster shell and spat-on-shell as needed directly on the bottom 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 October 11, 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.

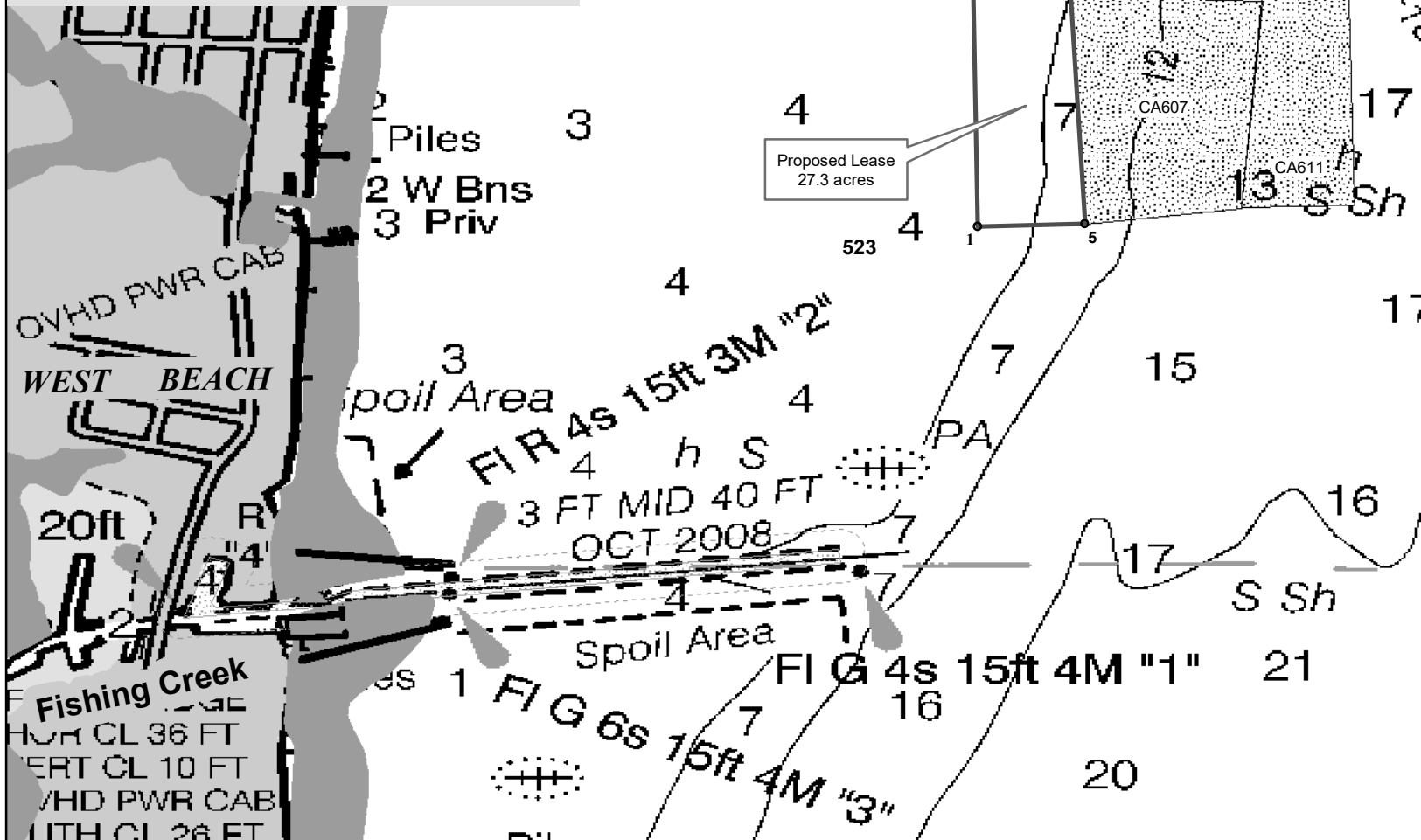
Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio, Secretary
Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Proposed Shellfish Submerged Land Lease NAV Chart Map

Robert F. Abner, Sr. & Shawn Abner #523 - Chesapeake Bay, Calvert County Maryland

Label	Coordinates	MLLW (ft)
1	38° 41' 55.9" N, 76° 31' 7.7" W	6.1
2	38° 42' 15.4" N, 76° 31' 8.1" W	3.1
3	38° 42' 16.1" N, 76° 31' 0.6" W	9.1
4	38° 42' 13.0" N, 76° 31' 0.9" W	9.1
5	38° 41' 56.1" N, 76° 30' 59.8" W	12.1

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.



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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