Public Notice Maryland Department of Natural Resources Fishing and Boating Services Application for Shellfish Aquaculture Lease – Harold A. McBee, Jr. and Brian Connelly

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 Harold A. McBee, Jr. and Brian Connelly in the Eastern Bay oyster sanctuary, Talbot County, Maryland, located approximately 4,000 feet west southwest of Tilghman Point. The area applied for contains 5.0 acres more or less and is enclosed by a line beginning at corner 1, at or near Lat. 38° 51' 27.9" N., Long. 76° 16' 4.3" W., then running 312° 3' (True), approximately 97 meters to corner 2, at or near Lat. 38° 51' 30.0" N., Long. 76° 16' 7.3" W., then running 31° 35' (True), approximately 211 meters to corner 3, at or near Lat. 38° 51' 35.9" N., Long. 76° 16' 2.8" W., then running 131° 0' (True), approximately 95 meters to corner 4, at or near Lat. 38° 51' 33.9" N., Long. 76° 15' 59.8" W., then running 210° 18' (True), approximately 213 meters to the point of beginning.

The applicants propose to deploy a combination of floating gear and cages on bottom up to a maximum of 15 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, <u>http://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 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 June 17, 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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