

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**  
**FISHING AND BOATING SERVICES**  
**APPLICATION FOR SHELLFISH AQUACULTURE LEASE – VINCENT A. BELLEZZA &**  
**MICHAEL V. BELLEZZA**

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 Vincent A. Bellezza and Michael V. Bellezza in the St. Mary's River oyster sanctuary, St. Mary's County, Maryland, located along shore southwest of Warehouse Point. The area applied for, having met the conditions for leasing in a sanctuary as specified by Code of Maryland Regulations 08.02.04.15, contains 1.1 acres more or less and is enclosed by a line beginning at corner 1, at or near Lat. 38° 12' 46.7" N., Long. 76° 28' 32.6" W., then running 324° 20' (True), approximately 21 meters to corner 2, a point at or near the mean low water line on the shore at or near Lat. 38° 12' 47.3" N., Long. 76° 28' 33.2" W., then running northeasterly along the shore, excluding all creeks and coves less than 300 feet in width, to corner 3, a point at or near the mean low water line on the shore at or near Lat. 38° 12' 52.4" N., Long. 76° 28' 27.1" W., then running 136° 8' (True), approximately 19 meters to corner 4, at or near Lat. 38° 12' 51.9" N., Long. 76° 28' 26.5" W., then running 223° 35' (True), approximately 219 meters to the point of beginning.

The applicants propose to deposit oyster 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 attached.

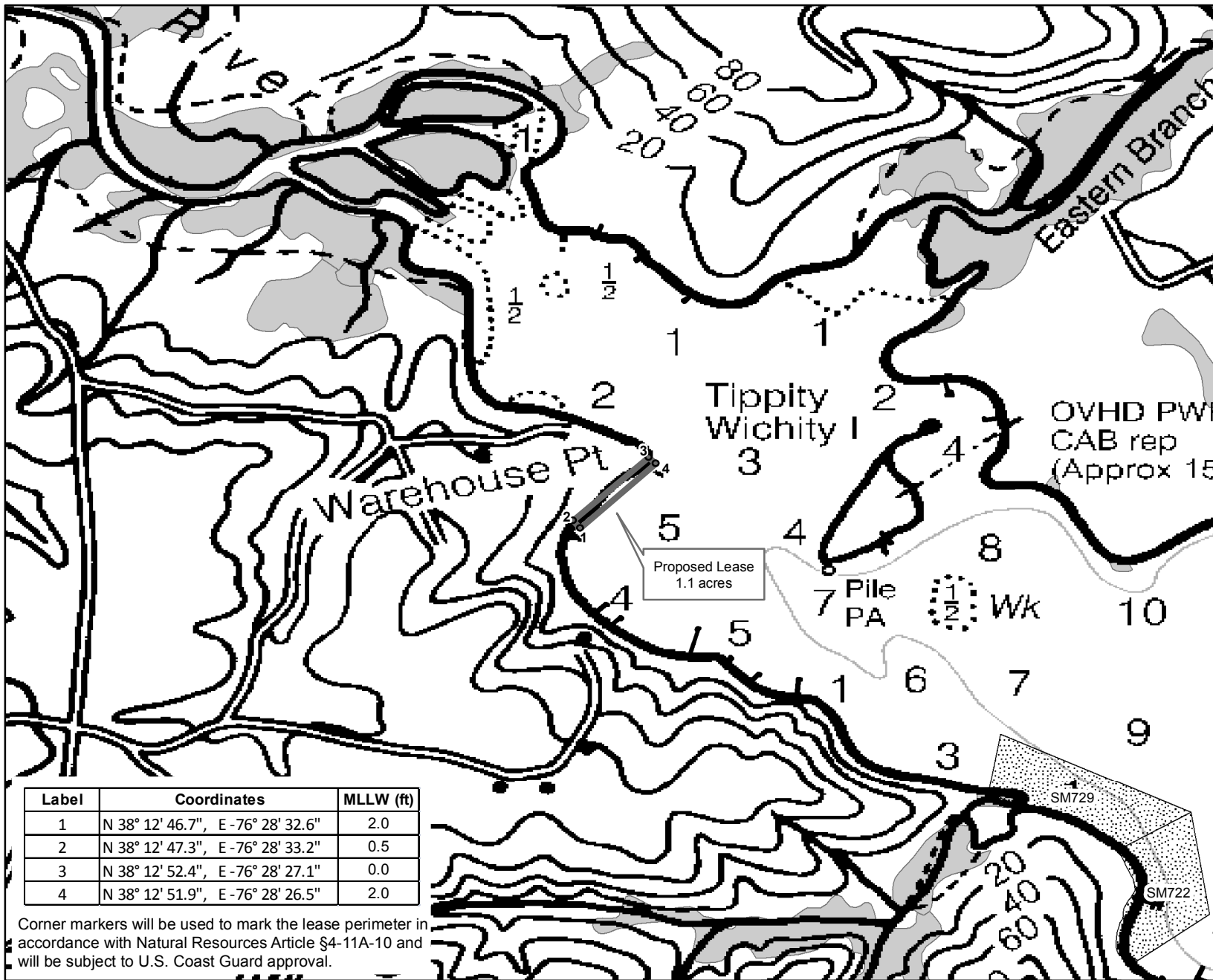
The Department will hold a public informational meeting upon written request from a member of the public. In addition, any person who has a specific right, duty, privilege, or interest that is different from that held by the general public and may be adversely affected by the proposed lease may file 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 January 22, 2018.

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](mailto:rebecca.thur@maryland.gov) or 410-260-8252.

**Mark J. Belton**  
**Secretary**  
**Maryland Department of Natural Resources**

# Proposed Shellfish Submerged Land Lease NAV Chart Map

## Vincent A. Bellezza & Michael V. Bellezza #356 - St. Mary's River, St. Mary's County Maryland



- 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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Label	Coordinates	MLLW (ft)
1	N 38° 12' 46.7", E -76° 28' 32.6"	2.0
2	N 38° 12' 47.3", E -76° 28' 33.2"	0.5
3	N 38° 12' 52.4", E -76° 28' 27.1"	0.0
4	N 38° 12' 51.9", E -76° 28' 26.5"	2.0

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.

