

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**  
**FISHING AND BOATING SERVICES**  
**APPLICATION FOR SHELLFISH AQUACULTURE LEASE – HONEST OYSTERS OF**  
**MARYLAND, LLC**

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 Honest Oysters of Maryland, LLC in Brockatorton Bay, Worcester County, Maryland, located approximately 2,000 feet north northwest of the mouth of Bridge Creek. The area applied for contains 7.1 acres more or less and is enclosed by a line beginning at corner 1, at or near Lat. 38° 5' 13.1" N., Long. 75° 20' 19.3" W., then running 318° 59' (True), approximately 159 meters to corner 2, at or near Lat. 38° 5' 16.9" N., Long. 75° 20' 23.7" W., then running 360° 32' (True), approximately 167 meters to corner 3, at or near Lat. 38° 5' 22.4" N., Long. 75° 20' 23.8" W., then running 71° 12' (True), approximately 63 meters to corner 4, at or near Lat. 38° 5' 23.0" N., Long. 75° 20' 21.3" W., then running 159° 14' (True), approximately 307 meters to corner 5, at or near Lat. 38° 5' 13.7" N., Long. 75° 20' 16.8" W., then running 252° 3' (True), approximately 64 meters to the point of beginning.

The applicant proposes to deploy a combination of floats and a rack and bag system on bottom up to a maximum of 12 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 awcejgf0

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 B-2 Annapolis, MD 21401 by October 10, 2017.

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.

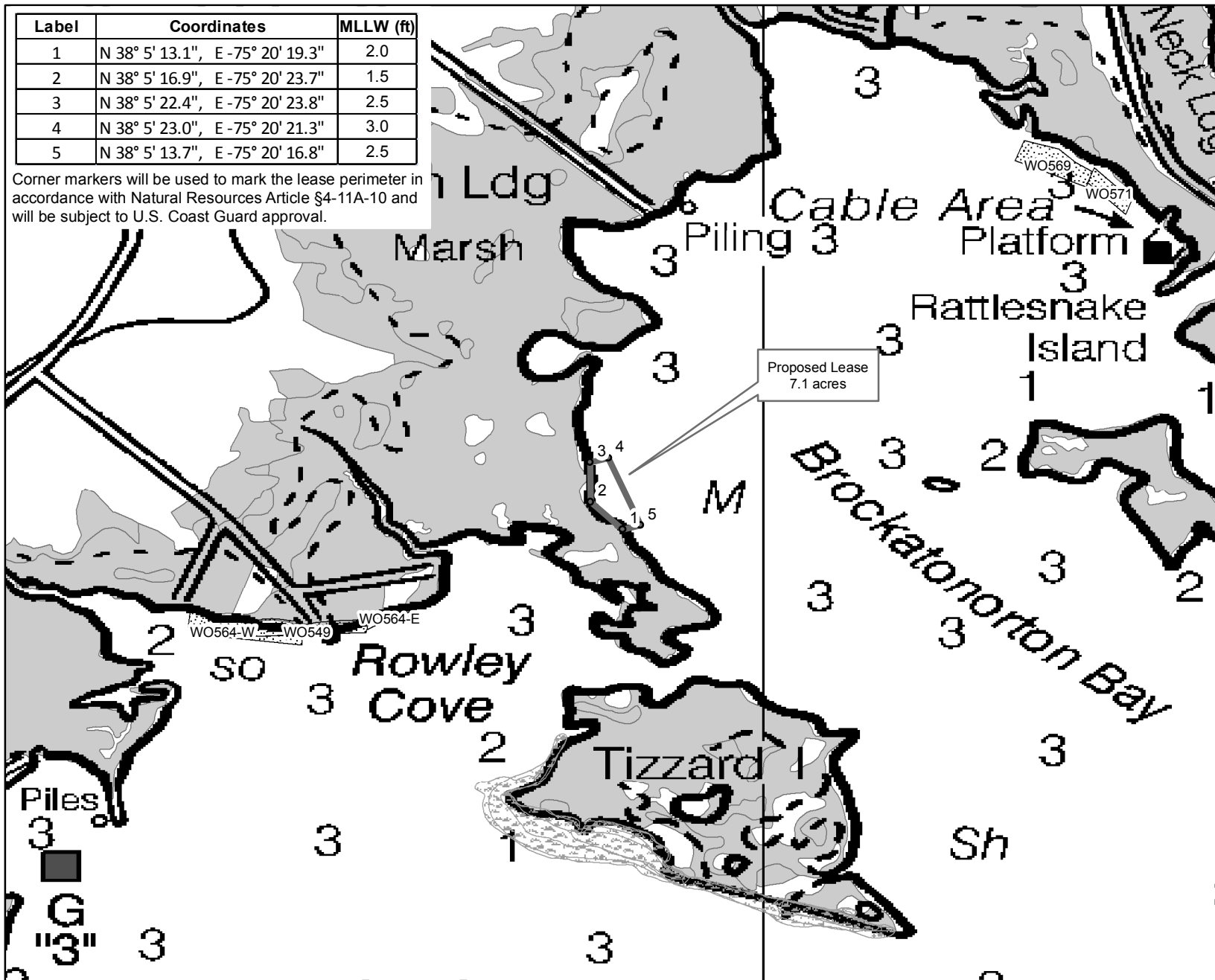
**Mark J. Belton**  
**Secretary**  
**Maryland Department of Natural Resources**

# Proposed Shellfish Water Column Lease NAV Chart Map

## Honest Oysters of Maryland, LLC #359 - Brockatonorton Bay, Worcester County Maryland

Label	Coordinates	MLLW (ft)
1	N 38° 5' 13.1", E -75° 20' 19.3"	2.0
2	N 38° 5' 16.9", E -75° 20' 23.7"	1.5
3	N 38° 5' 22.4", E -75° 20' 23.8"	2.5
4	N 38° 5' 23.0", E -75° 20' 21.3"	3.0
5	N 38° 5' 13.7", E -75° 20' 16.8"	2.5

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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