

PUBLIC NOTICE
MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
FISHING AND BOATING SERVICES
APPLICATION FOR SHELLFISH AQUACULTURE LEASES – PJH OYSTER LEASES, LLC &
PHILIP J. HARRINGTON, III

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 applications for two shellfish aquaculture submerged land leases by PJH Oyster Leases, LLC & Philip J. Harrington, III in the Choptank River, Dorchester County, Maryland. The first proposed area, located in the Upper Choptank River oyster sanctuary approximately 900 feet west of Oystershell Point, contains 20.7 acres, more or less, and is enclosed by a line beginning at corner 1, at or near Lat. 38° 34' 59.7" N., Long. 76° 0' 15.8" W., then running 295° 40' (True), approximately 344 meters to corner 2, at or near Lat. 38° 35' 4.4" N., Long. 76° 0' 28.7" W., then running 31° 39' (True), approximately 232 meters to corner 3, at or near Lat. 38° 35' 10.9" N., Long. 76° 0' 23.8" W., then running 118° 48' (True), approximately 412 meters to corner 4, at or near Lat. 38° 35' 4.6" N., Long. 76° 0' 8.7" W., then running 228° 27' (True), approximately 228 meters to the point of beginning.

The second proposed area, also located in the Upper Choptank River oyster sanctuary approximately 3,000 feet southwest of the first proposed area, contains 5.6 acres more or less and is enclosed by a line beginning at corner 1, at or near Lat. 38° 34' 36.8" N., Long. 76° 0' 54.4" W., then running 292° 37' (True), approximately 135 meters to corner 2, at or near Lat. 38° 34' 38.4" N., Long. 76° 0' 59.6" W., then running 28° 3' (True), approximately 185 meters to corner 3, at or near Lat. 38° 34' 43.7" N., Long. 76° 0' 56.0" W., then running 110° 13' (True), approximately 108 meters to corner 4, at or near Lat. 38° 34' 42.5" N., Long. 76° 0' 51.8" W., then running 200° 45' (True), approximately 187 meters to the point of beginning.

The applicants propose to deposit oyster shell as needed within each of the given areas 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 each of the proposed leases is attached.

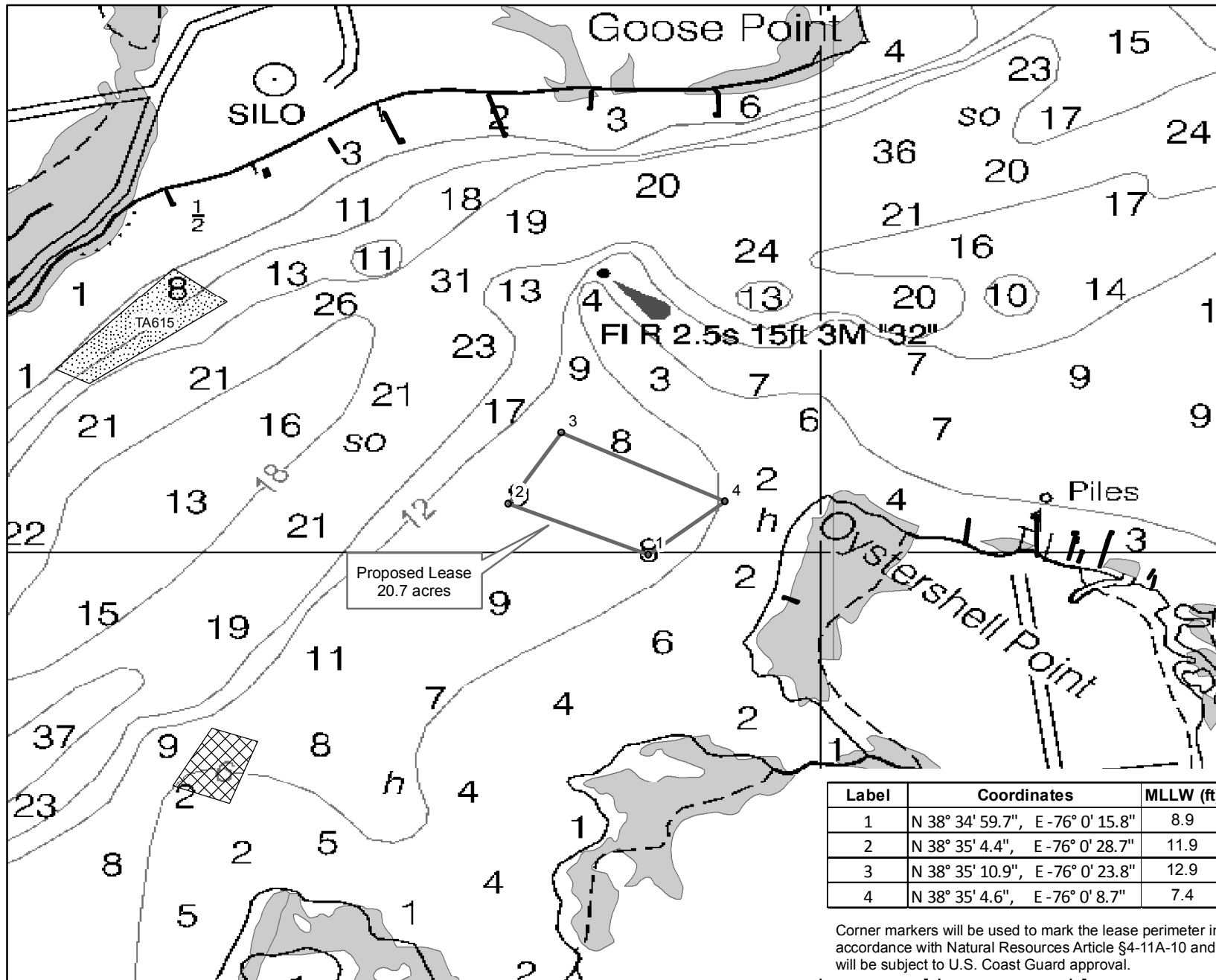
The Department will hold a public informational meeting upon written request from a member of the public. In addition, any person who has a specific right, duty, privilege, or interest that is different from that held by the general public and may be adversely affected by one or both of the proposed leases 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 February 26, 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 or 410-260-8252.

Mark J. Belton
Secretary
Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Proposed Shellfish Submerged Land Lease NAV Chart Map

PJH Oyster Leases, LLC & Philip J. Harrington, III #390 - Choptank River, Dorchester County Maryland



Lease Area shown over NOAA Raster Navigational Charts.

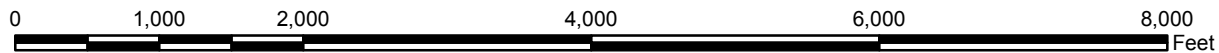
- Proposed Lease
- Land-Based-Sanctuaries and Refuges (state, federal, private, etc)
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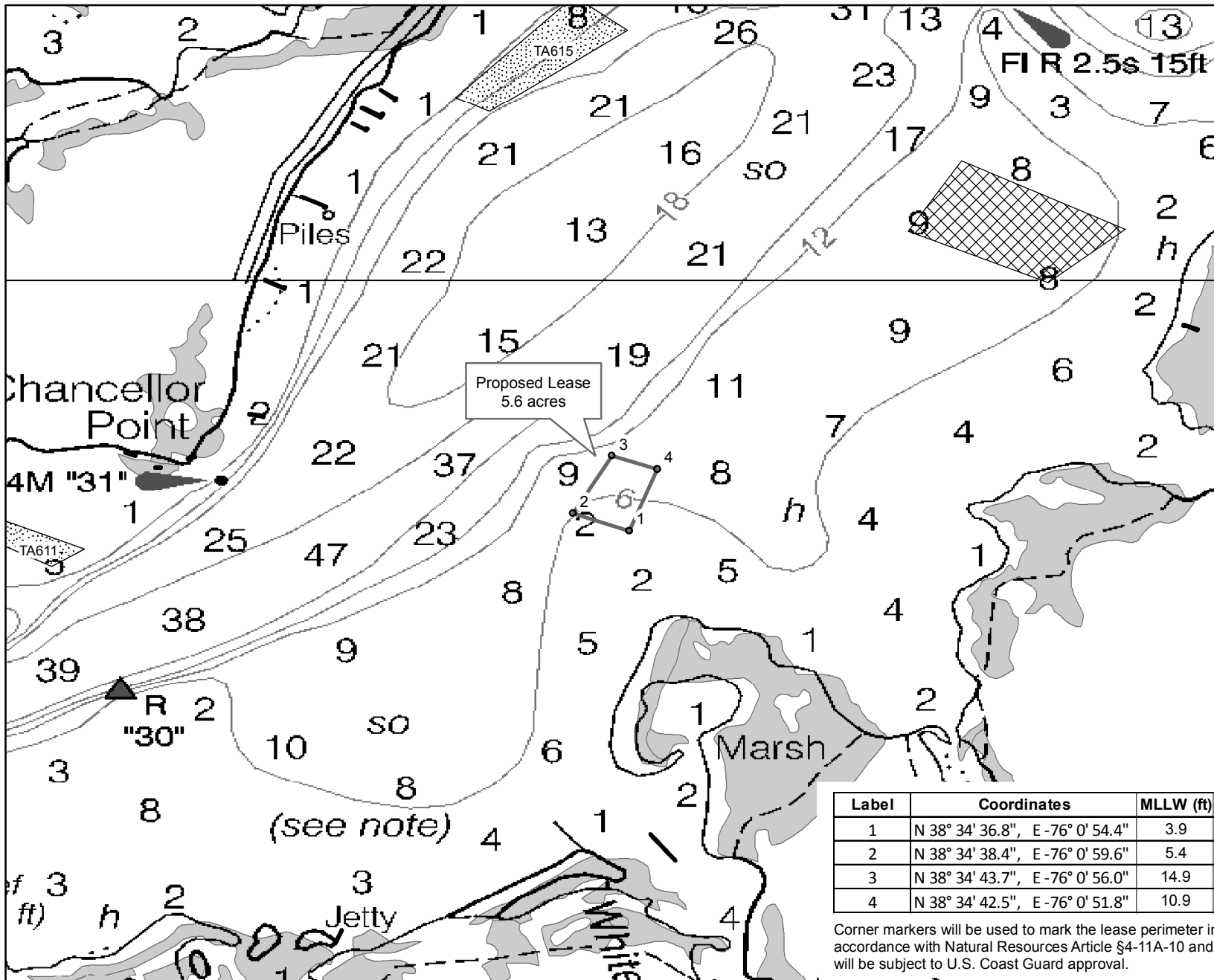
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DNR December 2017



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.

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Label	Coordinates	MLLW (ft)
1	N 38° 34' 36.8", E -76° 0' 54.4"	3.9
2	N 38° 34' 38.4", E -76° 0' 59.6"	5.4
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