

Public Notice
Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Fishing and Boating Services
Application for Shellfish Aquaculture Lease – Joshua T. Price & James B. Price #560,
Queen Anne’s 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 water column lease by Joshua T. Price and James B. Price in the Chester River, Queen Anne’s County, Maryland, located approximately 1,250 feet south of Piney Point and 1,400 feet west of Piney and Butler Coves. The area applied for contains 5.7 acres more or less and is enclosed by a line beginning at corner 1, at or near Lat. 39° 2' 28.8" N., Long. 76° 10' 59.3" W., then running 8° 27' (True), approximately 127 meters to corner 2, at or near Lat. 39° 2' 32.9" N., Long. 76° 10' 58.5" W., then running 93° 11' (True), approximately 199 meters to corner 3, at or near Lat. 39° 2' 32.5" N., Long. 76° 10' 50.2" W., then running 185° 52' (True), approximately 102 meters to corner 4, at or near Lat. 39° 2' 29.2" N., Long. 76° 10' 50.6" W., then running 266° 27' (True), approximately 209 meters to the point of beginning.

The applicants propose to place cages marked with small cork buoys on bottom up to a maximum of 24 inches high for the purpose of culturing Eastern Oyster (*Crassostrea virginica*), and to harvest using methods approved by the Department. Lease corners will be marked in accordance with Code of Maryland Regulation. 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 15, 2024. For questions about the project or the public notice, please contact the DNR Aquaculture and Industry Enhancement Division at aquaculturepubliccomment.dnr@maryland.gov or 410-260-8252.

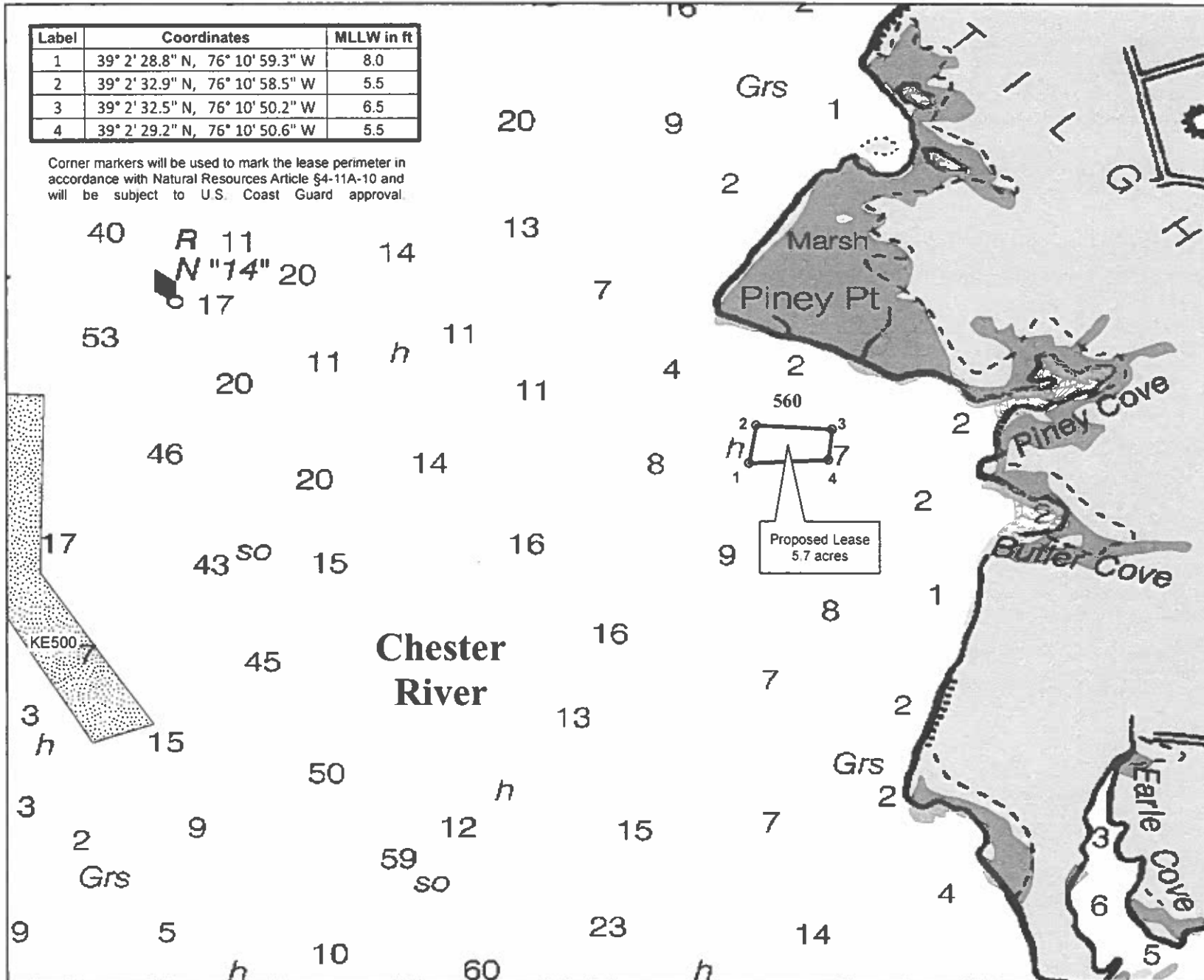
Josh Kurtz, Secretary
Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Proposed Shellfish Water Column Lease NAV Chart Map

Joshua T. Price & James B. Price #560 - Chester River, Queen Anne's County, Maryland

Label	Coordinates	MLLW in ft
1	39° 2' 28.8" N, 76° 10' 59.3" W	8.0
2	39° 2' 32.9" N, 76° 10' 58.5" W	5.5
3	39° 2' 32.5" N, 76° 10' 50.2" W	6.5
4	39° 2' 29.2" N, 76° 10' 50.6" W	5.5

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 Vegetat (VIMS)
- Structures (Piers, Marinas, etc)
- Wetlands of Special State Concern (MD-DNR)
- Active Shellfish Lease
- Proposed Shellfish Lease
- Tidal Wetlands (NWI Wetland (excludes E1 type)



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