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STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES
21 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE
04333-0021

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COMMISSIONER

Date: January 17, 2023

To: Town of Searsport, Municipal Officials and Wayne Hamilton, Harbormaster
Lease applicant
ME IF&W, and DACF
GovDelivery Aquaculture List

From: Department of Marine Resources (DMR) Aquaculture Division

Re: Notice of Completed Aquaculture Application and Comment Period

The DMR has received a completed lease application for the following:

Name of Applicant and Type	Nichols Fisheries	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Experimental <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal (acronym)
Culture Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Bottom culture (No gear)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suspended culture (Bottom and/or surface gear)
Species	<input type="checkbox"/> Shellfish	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marine algae <input type="checkbox"/> Finfish <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Location, Waterbody, Town	South of Sears Island, Penobscot Bay, Searsport	
Lease Size and Term	3.94 Acres	3 Years
Comment Submission Deadline	No later than 4:00 p.m. on February 18, 2023	DMR Attn: Aquaculture Division 21 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0021

COMMENT PERIOD: The DMR announces a **30-day public comment period** during which interested persons may submit written comments or request a public hearing on the application. A hearing is optional unless DMR receives five or more written requests from interested persons during the comment period. Please submit written comments or hearing requests by mail or email to the address provided above by the deadline.

VIEW THE APPLICATION: To view a copy of the completed application, please visit DMR's Aquaculture webpage. Applications are available under 'Maine Aquaculture Leases and LPAs.'

CONTACT THE APPLICANT: Please contact the applicant with any questions regarding their proposal. Contact information for the applicant can be found in their application.

Relevant Authority: 12 MRSA §§6072 (12), 6072-A (5) and DMR Rules Chapters 2.45 and 2.64.