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AQUACULTURE LEASE APPLICATION – PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Chebeague Island Oyster Company, LLC has applied for a limited-purpose (experimental) aquaculture lease to grow American/Eastern oysters using suspended culture techniques on 0.75- acres located off the northwest corner of Little Chebeague Island, Casco Bay, Chebeague Island. Other compatible uses of the area would be permitted. The application is posted on the DMR website at www.maine.gov/dmr/aquaculture, under "Pending Aquaculture Lease Applications."

The Commissioner announces a public comment period for this application. A public hearing is required only if requested in writing by five (5) or more interested persons prior to the comment deadline.

The DEADLINE for COMMENTS and HEARING REQUESTS is:

April 11, 2016

Mail written comments or hearing requests to:

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