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TO: Riparian (shorefront) landowners within 1,000 ft. of proposed aquaculture lease site
Towns of Owls Head, St. George, and South Thomaston
Lt. Matt Talbot, Maine Marine Patrol
General and case-specific mailing lists for lease application # 2015 - 15

FROM: Diantha C. Robinson, Aquaculture Hearing Officer *DCR*

DATE: October 18, 2016

RE: The Maine Mariculture Company, LLC: Amendments to proposed aquaculture lease and corrections to DMR site report

The Maine Mariculture Company, LLC, has requested to amend its application for a 3.66-acre, 10-year aquaculture lease for suspended culture of American/Eastern oysters and sea scallops on a site located off Pleasant Island (unorganized territory), Muscle Ridge Channel, Penobscot Bay, Knox County, Maine, DMR Docket #2015-15. The Department has reviewed the proposed amendments and has accepted them for consideration as part of the application.

The application has been revised to reflect these changes, which provide for the use of suspended lines of ear-hung scallops as an alternative to some of the floating oyster cages already proposed. A scallop-cleaning machine is also proposed to be used on the proposed lease site.

In addition, several minor corrections have recently been made to the Department's site report regarding water depth, date of eelgrass mapping data, and distances to certain conserved lands.

The revised application and site report are posted on the DMR website at: www.maine.gov/dmr/aquaculture/index.html; follow links for "pending lease applications." To request a paper copy of either of these documents, please contact Cindy Burke at (207) 624-6567 or cindy.l.burke@maine.gov.