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NOTICE – 2/27/2020

Applicant: Nordic Aquafarms, Inc.

Proposal: The applicant proposes to construct two 30-inch-diameter intake pipes and one 36-inch-diameter discharge pipe for commercial use within a 40-foot-wide corridor extending approximately 5,510 feet on submerged lands for commercial use. The proposal includes the removal of approximately 4,000-8,000 cubic yards of excess sub-tidal backfill material that would be disposed of at an approved upland receiving site. The submerged lands lease application materials may be viewed on the Bureau's website under "Featured Links, Major Projects" at: www.maine.gov/dacf/submergedlands.

Location: Belfast Bay, 282 Northport Avenue, City of Belfast and Town of Northport

The Bureau of Parks and Lands (Bureau) has received an application to occupy submerged lands for the project described above. Pursuant to Title 12 M.R.S.A., Section 1801 & 1862, the Bureau serves as trustee of submerged lands for the State of Maine. Submerged lands include all land from the mean **low-water** mark seaward to the 3-mile territorial limit including all land below the mean **low-water** mark of tidal rivers upstream to the farthest natural reaches of the tides.

The applicant must obtain a lease or easement from the Bureau before any construction activities can occur on submerged lands. A lease or easement for the proposal, including a dredging lease for the removal of sub-tidal material, may be granted for the project if it will not:

- unreasonably interfere with customary or traditional public access ways to, or public trust rights (fishing, fowling, recreation, and navigation) in, on or over the submerged lands;
- unreasonably interfere with fishing or other existing marine uses of the area;
- unreasonably diminish the availability of services and facilities necessary for commercial marine activities; and
- unreasonably interfere with ingress and egress of riparian owners.

Any interested party or anyone who is knowledgeable about the area is welcome to comment on possible impacts to the activities listed above. **Comments must be received on or before 5:00 p.m. on March 27, 2020.**

For more information, please contact Carol DiBello, Bureau of Parks and Lands.

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Please note that all comments received are part of the public record and subject to the State of Maine Freedom of Access laws.