

## Summary of Marine Aquaculture Leases and Licenses in Maine: Department of Marine Resources

Type of Permission	LPA license	Experimental Lease	Standard Lease
<b>What can I grow?</b>	Certain shellfish species specified in rule, green sea urchins, and marine algae.	Any species already present in Maine	Any species already present in Maine
<b>How much space can I occupy?</b>	≤ 400 sq ft of area, excluding moorings: length x width (e.g. a 20'x20' raft)	Up to 4 acres, can be bottom or suspended or both	Up to 100 acres, can be bottom or suspended or both
<b>How long will the lease or license last?</b>	all LPAs expire Dec 31 each year	Up to 3 years	Up to 20 years
<b>How much will it cost?</b>	\$50/ year-Residents, \$300/ year for Non-residents	App Fee: \$100 + Rent: \$100/acre/yr	App Fee: \$2,000 (Discharge), \$1,500 (non-discharge) + Rent: \$100/acre/yr
<b>What types of gear can I use?</b>	Certain types specified in rule, (e.g. rafts, soft bags, tray racks, lantern nets, upwellers)	Any, as long as appropriate for site	Any, as long as appropriate for site
<b>Is my product legally protected from poaching?</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Do I need to get a bond or escrow account?</b>	No	Yes	Yes
<b>Site visit required?</b>	No	Yes – but typically no dive	Yes, including dive
<b>Will I have to have a scoping session and public hearing?</b>	No – Only harbormaster signature required (in towns without a harbormaster, a municipal official signature is required)	Maybe: a scoping session is at DMR's discretion. A public hearing must be held if 5 or more people request a hearing	Yes-scoping sessions and public hearings are required.
<b>Expandable?</b>	No	No	Yes
<b>Renewable?</b>	Yes	No (except for scientific research)	Yes; \$1500 renewal application fee
<b>Notes</b>	Good tool for nursery sites, trying new areas, relay sites, hobby or small operations. Renewed each year – town and nearby landowners can comment each year, so not guaranteed to continue from year to year.	If a standard lease application is filed more than 90 days before the expiration of the experimental lease, the experimental lease continues until DMR makes a decision on the standard lease application.	Public process is extensive, but this is the best tool for long-term operations.