STANDARD LEASE PRE-APPLICATION MEETING: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

Q: What is a pre-application meeting?
A: A pre-application meeting is required for anyone interested in applying for a standard lease. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss your proposed operations with the Department, along with the harbormaster(s) and/or the municipal officers of the town in which you wish to apply. The meeting is also a great way for you to learn more about local issues and the leasing process.

Q: Why do I have to participate in a pre-application meeting?
A: Pre-application meetings are required by Department regulation and are an integral part of the lease application process.

Q: Where are pre-application meetings held?
A: The meetings are held in the municipality where the proposed lease is located. Specific locations are decided between you, the Department, and the individual(s) representing the municipality.

Q: What should I expect during the pre-application meeting?
A: Be prepared to discuss your proposal and answer questions. You will also receive feedback from the Department and municipality that will be useful as you progress through the application process.

TIPS FOR SUCCESS

DO YOUR HOMEWORK!

Prior to the pre-application meeting, carefully consider your proposal. At this point in the planning process, you should be able to answer the following questions:

1. WHAT?
   • What species are you planning to cultivate?
   • What is the acreage of the proposed site?
   • What activities have you observed in and around the proposed lease site (i.e. recreational fishing, nesting birds, kayakers, vessel traffic, etc.)?

2. WHERE?
   • Where will the proposed site be located? A map of the general area is helpful for discussion purposes, but is not required.
   • Is the proposed site intertidal, or subtidal?
   • Where will you obtain stock?

3. HOW?
   • How will you access the proposed site?
   • How will you cultivate the proposed species (i.e. gear types, harvest techniques, etc.)?

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