

## Maine Aquaculture Marking Requirements

### Lease Marking Requirements (DMR Rule 2.80)

- Floating devices, such as buoys, that can be distinguished from interior buoys and gear must be used to mark lease sites.
- Markers must be displayed at the corners of the lease. If a lease boundary is longer than 100 yards, additional markers should be deployed along the lease boundary.
- The lease acronym (e.g. ABC DE) and “SEA FARM” must be written in 2-inch high letters that contrast with the background color.
- Lease sites shall also be marked in accordance to the US Coast Guard’s Private Aid to Navigation requirements, if applicable.
- Alternative markings may be proposed for certain lease locations, such as upwellers in marina slips.

### LPA License Marking Requirements (DMR Rule 2.90(6)(B)):

- LPAs must be marked by a buoy at each corner, at each end of the gear, or in the center of the site, as appropriate to the gear type.
- Markers must be distinguishable from aquaculture gear.
- The LPA Site ID (e.g. ABCD121) and “SEA FARM” must be displayed on every marker buoy.

### Sample Marker Buoy for lease or LPA:

Note: Although not required in DMR rule, yellow buoys, with reflective material, are encouraged.

