

## **AQUACULTURE PUBLIC SCOPING SESSION**

**June 23, 2021**

**4:30 pm**

**Remote meeting held via Zoom**

The Department of Marine Resources has received draft aquaculture lease applications for the following:

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| Applicant                      | American Aquafarms  |          |
| Culture Type                   | Suspended culture (gear on bottom and/or suspended)   |          |
| Species                        | Finfish   |          |
| Town                           | Gouldsboro  |          |
| Waterbody, General Description | Frenchman Bay; Two Proposed Lease Sites: 1) northwest of Long Porcupine Island; 2) north of Bald Rock |          |
| Lease Size and Term            | 1) 60.37; 2) 60.32 acres  | 20 years |

If the scoping session listed above is cancelled, an alternate scoping session will be held on June 30, 2021, at the same time and format. Notice of a cancellation will be posted on the Department's website at <https://www.maine.gov/dmr/index.html>.

### **What is a scoping session?**

The applicant will explain their draft lease proposals to members of the public. It's an opportunity for members of the public to ask clarifying questions and provide feedback on the proposals, prior to the applicant submitting final applications and an eventual public hearing(s). **This meeting does not determine whether the proposals will be granted.**

### **How to participate:**

You can participate in the scoping session or submit written comments on the draft proposals. The deadline for submitting written comments is **5:00 p.m. on July 7, 2021**. All written comments will be provided to the applicant for their consideration as they work on developing their final proposals. Written comments can be submitted electronically through the Department's website (feedback needs to be typed directly into the form) or mailed to the Department.

For further information about how to access copies of the draft applications, accessing the remote scoping session, and where to submit comments, please visit:

<https://www.maine.gov/dmr/aquaculture/index.html>

If you have questions about the proposed operations, please contact the applicant whose contact information is listed on the first page of each proposal.

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