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AQUACULTURE PUBLIC SCOPING SESSION

**January 11, 2021
4:30PM
Meeting held via Zoom**

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

Applicant	Maine Oyster, Inc.	
Culture Type	Bottom culture (no gear)	
Species	Shellfish	
Town	Newcastle	
Waterbody, General Description	Upper Sheepscot River; East and South of Lehman Island	
Lease Size and Term	10 acres	20 years

If the scoping session listed above is cancelled, an alternate scoping session will be held on January 13, 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?

A scoping session is a meeting where the applicant explains their tentative proposal to members of the public. It's an opportunity for members of the public to provide feedback on the proposal, prior to the applicant submitting a final application and an eventual public hearing. **This meeting does not determine whether the proposal will be granted.**

How to participate:

You can participate remotely or submit written comments on the proposal. The deadline for submitting written comments is **5:00 p.m. on January 25, 2021**. All written comments will be forwarded to the applicant for their consideration as they work on their final proposal. A copy of the draft lease application is available on DMR's website at:

<http://www.maine.gov/dmr/aquaculture/leases/draftstandardapps.html>.

For more information about joining the meeting via Zoom, please visit:

<http://www.maine.gov/dmr/aquaculture/leases/draftstandardapps.html>.

If you have questions about the proposal, please contact the applicant whose contact information is in the draft proposal.

Written comments or questions may be sent via mail or e-mail to:

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