



STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES
21 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE
04333-0021

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COMMISSIONER

Date: February 18, 2020

To: Town of Bar Harbor, Municipal Officials and Harbormaster
Riparian (shorefront) landowners within 1,000 ft. of proposed aquaculture lease site
State agencies as required by applicable statute
General and Case-specific notification lists

From: DMR Aquaculture Division

Re: Notice of Scheduled Aquaculture Lease Hearing

The Department of Marine Resources (DMR) is holding a public hearing to take evidence on an aquaculture lease application for the following:

Applicant Name and Lease Type	Western Bay Oyster Company LLC	<input type="checkbox"/> Experimental Lease <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Standard Lease
Culture Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bottom culture (No gear)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suspended culture (Gear on bottom and/or suspended)
Species	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shellfish	<input type="checkbox"/> Marine algae <input type="checkbox"/> Finfish <input type="checkbox"/> Other
General Location, Town	Off Old House Cove/Spruce Point, Western Bay, Bar Harbor, ME	
Acreage Requested	3.36 Acres	
Lease Term Requested	10 Years	

The public hearing on this application has been scheduled as follows:

April 2, 2020
6:00 p.m.
Bar Harbor Council Chambers
93 Cottage St., Bar Harbor, ME 04609

If the public hearing listed above is postponed or cannot be concluded by a reasonable hour, an alternate public hearing will be held on April 8, 2020, at the same time and location. Notice of a postponement or a continuance will be posted on the Department's website.

Applications to intervene need to be received by DMR no later than **4:00 p.m. on March 19, 2020**. DMR will decide whether to grant intervenor applications five days before the hearing. Please review the section below for more information.

INFORMATION ON DMR WEBSITE: See DMR's website, for the lease application and DMR site report: <http://www.maine.gov/dmr/aquaculture/leases/pending/index.html>

PARTICIPATING AT THE HEARING: Any interested person may attend the hearing and ask questions of the parties or testify under oath about the effect of the proposed lease. Aquaculture lease hearings are adjudicatory proceedings. If you intend to participate, please visit DMR's website to learn more about these types of proceedings. On DMR's website the following are posted: the lease criteria, hearing procedures, and suggestions for effective public participation during the hearing. <https://www.maine.gov/dmr/aquaculture/public-participation.html>

INTERVENING: If you apply for and are granted intervenor status, you become a legal party to the proceeding. See the contact information below to request an intervenor application from DMR.

RELEVANT AUTHORITY: The rules governing the leasing program are found in Chapter 2 of DMR regulations. The statutory provisions are: 5 M.R.S.A. §9501 et seq. & 12 M.R.S.A. §6072(1) et seq., & 12 M.R.S.A. §6072-A(1) et seq.

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