STANDARD LEASE APPLICATION: NON-DISCHARGE

1. APPLICANT CONTACT INFORMATION

Applicant	Maine Oyster, Inc.		
Contact Person	Eric Horne & Valy Steverlynck		
Address	62 Pine Street		
City	Freeport		
State, Zip	Maine, 04032		
County	Cumberland		
Telephone	(207) 522-1520		
Email	ericLhorne@hotmail.com		
Type of Application	☐ Draft Application X Final Application		lication
	[submitted before scoping session session]		
Dates	Pre-Application	Draft Application	Scoping Session:
	Meeting: 3/5/20	Submitted: 3/7/20	1/11/21

2. PROPOSED LEASE SITE INFORMATION

Location of Proposed Lea	ocation of Proposed Lease Site:		
Town	Newcastle		
Waterbody	Upper Sheepscot River		
General Description	Upper Sheepscot River - east and south of Lehman Island		
(e.g. south of B Island)			
Lease Information			
Total acreage requested	10 acres *		
(100-acre maximum)	(*This is an approximation - Subject to DMR review)		
Lease term requested	20 years		
(20-year maximum)			
Type of culture (check all that apply)	X Bottom (no gear) Suspended (gear in the water and/or on the bottom)		
Is any portion of the proposed lease site above mean low water?	□ Yes X No		

3. WATER QUALITY

Growing Area Designation	WN(A)
Water Quality Classification (e.g. approved, restricted, etc.):	Approved

Growing Area Designation: WN (A)

4. SPECIES INFORMATION

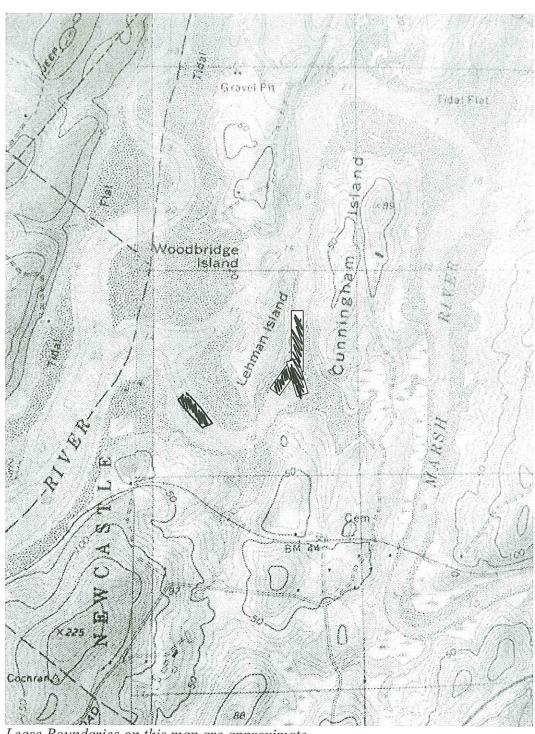
A. Please complete the table below and add additional rows as needed.

Name of species to be cultivated (include both common & scientific names):	Name and address of the source of seed stock, juveniles, and/or smolts	Maximum number (or biomass) of organisms you anticipate on the site at any given time
Eastern oyster (Crassostrea virginica)	Muscongus Bay Aquaculture - PO Box 204 Breman, Maine 04551	4.5 to 6 million

B . Do you intend to possess, transport, or sell whole or roe-on scallops? \square Yes	No	

Note: If you are proposing to grow molluscan shellfish, this application also serves as your written operational plan as required in the National Shellfish Sanitation Program (NSSP) Model Ordinance Chapter 2 and must be maintained in your files. If you wish to submit an operational plan separate from this application, please contact: DMRPublicHealthDiv@maine.gov

5. VICINITY MAP

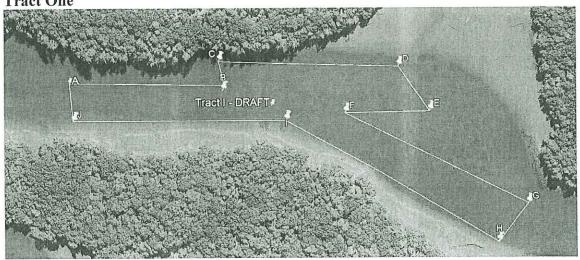


Lease Boundaries on this map are approximate.



6. BOUNDARY DRAWING

Tract One



Coordinates - Tract One

44° 01.501' N

69° 36.892' W

44° 01.638' N

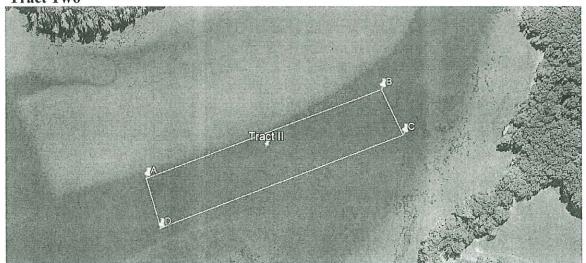
69° 36.887' W

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J)

A)	44° 01.640' N	Distances	
11)	69° 36.853' W	A to B:	598'
B)	44° 01.541' N 69° 36.860' W	B to C:	88'
C)	44° 01.543' N	C to D:	706'
	69° 36.838' W	D to E:	211'
D)	44° 01.428' N 69° 36.847' W	E to F:	325'
E)	44° 01.408' N 69° 36.888' W	F to G:	802'
		G to H:	191'
F)	44° 01.463' N 69° 36.887' W	H to I:	951'
G)	44° 01.347' N 69° 36.973' W	I to J:	830'
H)	44° 01.367' N	J to A:	148'
11)	69° 37.005' W		

Tract Two



Coordinates - Tract Two

A)	44°	01.445'	N
	69°	37.278'	W

B) 44° 01.312' N 69° 37.202' W

C) 44° 01.299' N 69° 37.237' W

Datum information:

Source Scale: 1:40,000
Horizontal Datum: WGS-84
Correction Date: 02-10-1999

Distances

A to B: 864'

B to C: 173'

C to D: 896'

D to A: 180'

7. SITE DEVELOPMENT

This application is for bottom culture only. No gear will be used to culture the organisms. The site will be marked at the corners in accordance with DMR guidelines - Chapter 2.80 - and in accordance with appropriate U.S. Coast Guard Regulations.

8. PRODUCTION ACTIVITIES

A. Please explain your proposed seeding activities. What months will seeding occur and how often will you be onsite to seed during this time.
Bottom Culture: Oysters would be broad-cast on the bottom (no structures used). Seeding would occur in the fall of each year. Typically seeding takes place over three weeks with one to two seeding trips per week.
B. Please explain your proposed tending/maintenance activities.
Once the seed is planted on the bottom, no tending/maintenance is conducted other than occasional spot checks to observe progress/survival.
C. How frequently will you visit/tend the site for routine tending/maintenance (i.e. flipping cages, etc.)?
Spot checks occur every six months or so.
D. Describe the harvesting techniques you will use. If you plan on using a drag, please provide the dimensions.
We employ the use of a skiff-drawn drag for harvesting. The drag cutting bar dimension is 44" wide.
E. How often will you be at the site during harvesting periods?
We typically harvest once per week.
F. Will gear be on the site year-round? \square Yes \square No N/A
G. If gear will not be on the site year-round, please describe any overwintering or "off season" plans for the site. For example, will you remove gear from the site and/or deploy gear in different areas within the proposed site? Please include where gear or product will be located if removed from the site.
N/A

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A. What type of boats will be used on the site? When and how often will these vessels be on the site?

We use a single 24' Carolina Skiff for all planting and harvesting operations. We are typically on-site once per week.

B. What type of powered equipment (e.g. generator, power washer, grading equipment, barges, etc.) will be used on the site? When and how often will the equipment be used?

We use a small electric hauler on the skiff to raise the drag. It is essentially inaudible.

C. Specify how you intend to reduce noise levels from the boats and other powered equipment.

N/A

D. Provide the number, type (whether fixtures are shielded), wattage and location of lights, other than those used for navigation or marking, that will be used at the proposed lease site.

N/A

E. Indicate under what circumstances you might work at your site beyond daylight hours.

N/A

10. CURRENT OPERATIONS

A. Describe your existing aquaculture operations.

We have a bottom culture site in the same footprint of the proposed lease location. We seed oysters on this site in the fall and harvest market-size product throughout the year.

B. What are your plans for any existing leases and/or Limited Purpose Aquaculture (LPA) licenses if the lease is granted? Will any existing leases and/or LPA licenses be relinquished if the lease is granted? If so, please indicate which ones.

We plan to relinquish the following sites: SHE LE, SHE LE2X, SHE LE3X & SHE LE4X. These sites will be replaced with the proposed lease site.

11. ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERIZATION

A. What are the approximate depths at mean low water? Mean low water depths range from 6' to 12'. **B.** What are the approximate depths at mean high water? Mean low water depths range from 15' to 21'. C. Provide the approximate current speed and direction during the ebb and flow. Current runs in a north/south direction at +/-1.5 knot during maximum ebb/flow. D. The following questions (D.1 through D.6) may be answered in writing or by submitting a video. If you plan to submit a video, please contact the Department prior to video collection. 1. What are the bottom characteristics (mud, sand, gravel, rock, ledge or some mix, etc.)? Bottom characteristics: firm clay with sand, small stones and shell fragments. 2. Describe the bottom topography (flat, steep rough, etc.). Bottom topography is relatively flat - slow changes in depth over distance. 3. Describe marine organisms by species or common names. Based on your personal observations or other sources of information, are these species abundant, common, or rare? Green crabs (Carcinus maenas) are abundant. Rock crabs (Cancer irroratus) are common. Ovster drills (*Urosalpinx cinerea*) are also common. We also see flounder (Pseudopleuronectes americanus) with some regularity (common). 4. Are there shellfish beds or fish migration routes in the surrounding area? If so, please describe. No shellfish beds are located within the boundaries of the proposed lease area. Fish migration unknown.

5. Describe the presence and extent of submerged aquatic vegetation, i.e. eelgrass, within the proposed lease area. Please include the date of this observation along with the method of

observation. If submerged aquatic vegetation is observed, please also describe the abundance below and sketch the limits of the beds in the vicinity map.

We observe seaweed (Entermorpha) growing on the ledges near the lease area. Occasionally there will be a rock big enough in the lease area to host a small bunch of Entermorpha. There is no eelgrass within the proposed area. Our observations are based on our experience working this area since 2002.

6. Describe the general shoreline and upland characteristics (rocky shoreline, forested, residential, etc.)

Uplands are forested with white pine, birch, maple and oak stands. The shoreline is mostly rocky with mudflats along the intertidal borders of the proposed area.

E. Is your proposed lease located within a Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife designated Essential Habitat?

Yes X No

12. EXISTING USES

A. Describe the existing uses of the proposed area in questions A.1 through A.5 below.

Please include the a) type; b) time of year the activity occurs; c) frequency; and d)

proximity to the lease site.

1. Commercial Fishing

Worm and clam harvesters work in the inter-tidal areas along the edges of the river - outside the boundaries of the proposed lease. This is year-round activity that occurs frequently.

2. Recreational Fishing

There is some boat traffic associated with recreational fishing. Volume is extremely light and during the summer months. We have not observed boat traffic in the off-season.

3. Boating Activities (please also include the distance to any navigable channel(s) from your proposed site at low water).

There is some summer boat traffic associated with recreational boaters. Boat traffic in the vicinity of the proposed site moves in a north/south direction. Volume is extremely light. This site would not impede the progress of boat traffic in the area. In the 18 years, we have held experimental leases, standard leases, and LPAs in this general area we have not had problems of any kind.

4. Riparian Ingress/Egress

The landowners to the north and south of the proposed site traverse the area with boats that they keep at their docks.

5. Other uses (kayaking, swimming, etc.):

One of the landowners has a kayak and she uses the area for kayaking.

B. Are there private docks, moorings, or other access points within 1,000 feet of the proposed lease? If yes, please include approximate distance from the proposed lease.

There are two docks within 1,000 feet of the proposed lease. The dock to the north is 360 feet from the proposed lease. The other dock is about 370 feet to the south of proposed Tract I and about 900 feet to the east of proposed Tract II.

C. Are there public beaches, parks, docking facilities or federally, state, or municipally conserved lands within 1,000 feet of the proposed lease site? If yes, please describe and include approximate distances from proposed lease.

No.

13. EXCLUSIVE USE

If your lease is granted, what activities would you request be excluded from occurring within the boundaries of the lease site? In your answer please address applicable commercial and recreational fishing, boating activities, and other activities you listed in the 'Existing Uses' section of this application.

We would **not** exclude most uses of the area. We ask that harvesting of shellfish not be allowed by any method - manual or mechanical - within the boundaries of the lease. Boating, sport fishing, lobstering, swimming, and kayaking, are all compatible uses in the site area.

14. RIPARIAN LANDOWNERS AND SITE ACCESS

B. Will your access to the lease area be across riparian land?	☐ Yes X No
C. How will you access the proposed site?	
We would access the site via the Wiscasset boat ramp.	
D. How will your proposed activities affect riparian ingress an	nd egress?
Our activities would not impede riparian ingress or egress to the proposed lease. Additionally, the proposed lease is divided in that there is no activity occurring directly in front of the Hudse	to two separate tracts to ensure
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RIPARIAN LANDOWNER LIST

TOWN OF: Newcastle, Maine

MAP#	LOT#	Landowner name(s) and address(es)
4	13	HIDU, JAMES D. & DEBORAH
		182 THE KINGS HIGHWAY NEWCASTLE, ME 04553
4	14	CHEWONKI FOUNDATION
		485 CHEWONKI NECK ROAD WISCASSET, ME 04578
4	15	KEYES, GEORGE S. & ELAINE
		579 BREMEN RD WALDOBORO, ME 04572
4	16	WROBEL, JESSICA & David Carpenter
		1 CUNNINGHAM ISLAND ROAD NEWCASTLE, ME 04553
2	4	TRAILS END, LLC
		P.O. BOX 222 EAST BOOTHBAY, ME 04544
2	5	COBURN, RUTH & Daniel Perkins
		14 HIGH STREET APT 102 SACO, ME 04072
2	6	MIDCOAST CONSERVANCY
		PO BOX 439 EDGECOMB, ME 04556
2	7A	HUDSON, JAMES T. & PATRICIA
		284 STATION ROAD NEWCASTLE, ME 04553

CERTIFICATION

I, Shilly Color John Town of New Clerk for the Town of New Clerk for the Town of New Clerk for the Town of the map and lot numbers, are those listed in the records of this municipality and are current as of this date.

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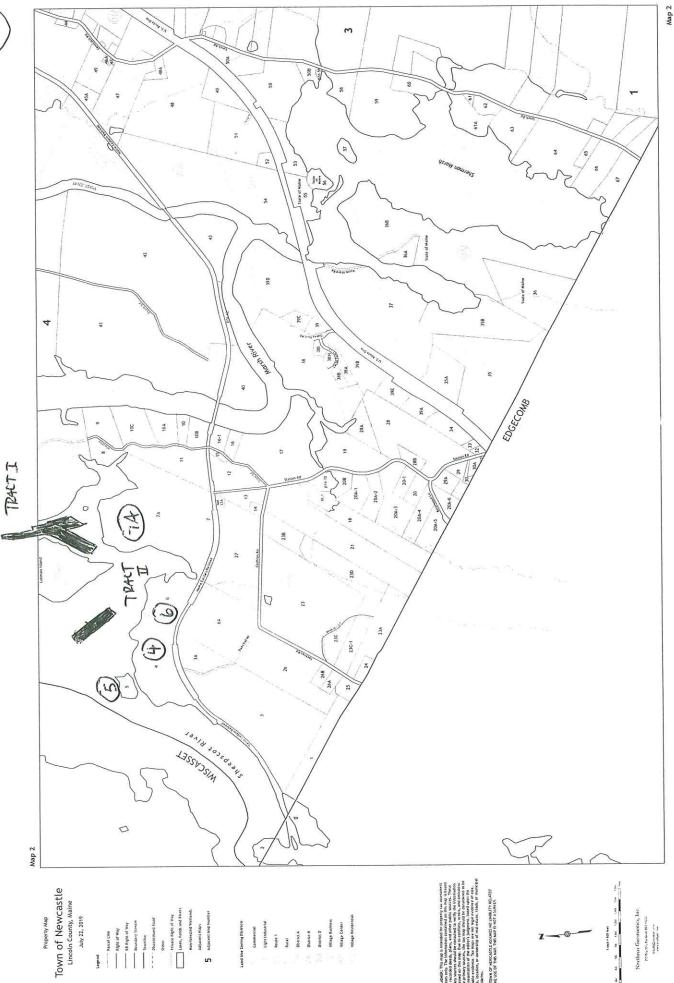
SIGNED: DATE:

Map 4 265 84 p/o 54 48A SAE SBA 8 548 ° 548 55C | 55A p/o 21 52 Marsh River 468 418 20 TRACTI Common Highest Sheepscot RIVEL Map 4 Property Map
Town of Newcastle
Lincoln County, Maine
July 22, 2019

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TAX MAP. Newcastle, ME

TAX MAP - NEWCastly, ME







15. TECHNICAL CAPABILITY

Provide information regarding professional expertise. Attaching resume or documentation of practical experience necessary to accomplish the proposed project would satisfy this requirement.

We have been farming oysters in Maine - full time - since 2000. We love what we do, and we feel confident that we have the expertise and practical experience necessary to continue in this industry for many years to come.

15, TECHNICAL CAPABILITY

Resume – Valy Steverlynck

Valy M. Steverlynck

62 Pine Street Freeport, Maine 04032

Education

University of Wisconsin Brown University M.A. Fine Art

St. Hilda's College

B.A. Fine Art

Experience

2000-Present

Co-Owner, Maine Oyster, Inc.

Freeport, Maine

1998-2000

Interior Designer, Elkus-Manfredi Architects

Boston, Massachusetts

1994-1998

Design Team Manager, Mackenzie-Childs

Ithica, New York

15. TECHNICAL CAPABILITY

Resume - Eric Horne

Eric L. Horne 62 Pine Street

Freeport, Maine 04032

Education

Harvard University

M.Ed. Finance & Administration B.A. International Relations

Brown University

Oyster River High School

Experience

2000-Present Co-Owner, Maine Oyster, Inc.

Freeport, Maine

1998-2000 Business Consultant, Technical Development Corporation

Boston, MA

1994-1998 Middle School Teacher, 6th grade literature, Cape Cod Lighthouse

Charter School, Orleans, MA

1993-1994 Sales/Shipping Assistant for salmon farm, Salmoamerica, Puerto

Montt, Chile

16. FINANCIAL CAPABILITY

A. Financial Capability

Please provide documentation to show you have the financial resources to implement the proposal. For example, you may submit a letter from a financial institution or funding agency indicating that you have an account in good standing, or their willingness to commit funds.

See attached letter - Key Bank.





To Whom it may concern,

Eric Horne and Valeria Steverlynck have accounts at Key Bank that are in good standing.

16) Financial apability

Andrew Brunner

Branch Manager – Freeport 135 Main Street, Freeport, ME 04032

Charles Grunn

Phone: (207) 417-7025 Fax: (207) 865-3726

Andrew_S_Brunner@keybank.com

B. Cost Estimates

Cost Estimates*		
ear One		
Seed		\$ 8,000
Labor		\$ 5,000
Lease Fees		\$ 250
nsurance		<u>\$ 500</u>
	Total Year One	\$13,750
<i>Year Two</i> Same as Year One (No	harvesting costs): \$13,	750
	Total Year Two	\$13,750
Year Three		
Same as Year Two		\$14,000
Plus harvest costs		\$25,000
	Total Year Three	\$39,000
FOTAL PROJECT COS	ST YEARS 1-3:	\$69,250

17. ESCROW ACCOUNT OR PERFORMANCE BOND

Check the category that describes your operation:

Check Here	Lease Category	Amount of Required Escrow or Performance Bond
X	No gear/structure, no discharge	\$500.00
	No gear/structure, discharge	\$500.00
<u> </u>	≤ 400 square feet of gear/structure, no discharge	\$1,500.00
	>400 square feet of gear/structure, no discharge	\$5,000.00*
	Gear/Structure, discharge	\$25,000.00

I, (printed name of applicant)	Eric Horne	have read DMR
Aquaculture Regulations Chapter 2.	.64(10) (D) and if this p	
will either open an escrow account	or obtain a performance	bond, in the amount determined by
the lease category.	*	
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Applicant Signature Date

Note: Add title if signing on behalf of a corporate applicant.

18. APPLICANT SIGNATURE PAGE

I hereby state that the information included in this application is true and correct. I have also read and understand the requirements of the Department's rules governing aquaculture and the application instructions pertaining to the standard lease process.

Printed name:

C1.2 Horne

Title (*if corporate applicant*):

Title (if corporate applicant): \,\p\

Signature:

Date: 3-6 - 20

4-30-21

18 U.S.C. Section 1001 provides that: Whoever, in any manner within the jurisdiction of any department or agency of the United States knowingly and willfully falsifies, conceals, or covers up any trick, scheme, or disguises a material fact or makes any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations or makes or uses any false writing or document knowing same to contain any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or entry, shall be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned not more than five years or both.



MAINE DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES

Aquaculture Division, 21 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0021 (207) 624-6567

CORPORATE APPLICANT FORM For Standard and Experimental Aquaculture Lease Applications

Corporations or partnerships that apply for aquaculture leases in the State of Maine must complete this form. Corporations must submit information as requested under <u>A. Corporate Applicant</u>. Partnerships must submit information as requested under <u>B. Partnership Applicant</u>.

A. Corporate Applicant

Note: You must attach a copy of the Articles of Incorporation (Inc.) or Certificate of Formation (LLC) to your application.

1. Name of Corporation: Maine Oyster, Inc.

2. Date of incorporation: December 30, 2005

State of incorporation: Maine

**** Articles of Incorporation attached *****

3. List the names, addresses, and titles of all officers:

Name	Address	Title
Eric Horne	62 Pine Street – Freeport, Maine 04032	Vice President
Valy Steverlynck	62 Pine Street – Freeport, Maine 04032	President

4. List the names and addresses of all directors/members:

Name	Address	
Eric Horne	62 Pine Street – Freeport, Maine 04032	
Valy Steverlynck	62 Pine Street – Freeport, Maine 04032	

5. Has the corporation, or any stockholder, director, or officer applied for an aquaculture lease
for Maine lands in the past? \mathbf{X} Yes \square No
If you selected "yes," please indicate who applied for the lease and the status of the application or lease.

Maine Oyster, Inc. holds several current leases in Maine. Eric & Valy hold current LPAs in Maine.

6. List the names and addresses of all stockholders who own or control at least 5% of the outstanding stock and the percentage of outstanding stock currently owned or controlled by each stockholder.

Name	Address	% of Stock
Eric Horne	62 Pine Street – Freeport, Maine 04032	50%
Valy Steverlynck	62 Pine Street – Freeport, Maine 04032	50%

7. List the names and addresses of stockholders, directors, or officers owning an interest, either directly or beneficially, in any other Maine aquaculture leases, as well as the quantity of acreage from existing aquaculture leases attributed to each such person. If none, write, "None."

Name	Address	Lease	Acreage
Eric Horne & Valy Steverlynck	62 Pine Street – Freeport, Maine 04032	LAM ROY	6.59 ac
Eric Horne & Valy Steverlynck	62 Pine Street – Freeport, Maine 04032	MAQ BR1	5.17 ac
Eric Horne & Valy Steverlynck	62 Pine Street – Freeport, Maine 04032	MAQ BRE	9.89 ac
Eric Horne & Valy Steverlynck	62 Pine Street – Freeport, Maine 04032	SHE LE	2.97 ac
Eric Horne & Valy Steverlynck	62 Pine Street – Freeport, Maine 04032	SHE LE2X	1.07 ac
Eric Horne & Valy Steverlynck	62 Pine Street – Freeport, Maine 04032	SHE LE3X	3.89 ac
Eric Horne & Valy Steverlynck	62 Pine Street – Freeport, Maine 04032	SHE LE4X	1.55 ac

8. Has the corporation or any officer, director, member, or shareholder listed in item 5 above ever been arrested, indicted, convicted of, or adjudicated to be responsible for any violation of any marine resources or environmental protection law, whether state or federal?

X	Yes		No				
	I	f you	selected	"yes",	please	provide	details

In 2007, Eric & Valy relayed oysters into an incorrect area for natural depuration. The error was corrected and a fine was paid to the DMR.

DOMESTIC BUSINESS CORPORATION

STATE OF MAINE

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

		(Mark Not only if applicable) is a professional corporation** formed.	Julie & Flynn Deputy Secretary of State			
pursuant to 13 MRSA Chapter 22-A to provide the following professional services:			A True Copy When Altested By Signature			
		(E)OD OF POSTON WANT SETS LOSS	Deputy Secretary of State			
Parsua	sni to 13-0	C MRSA \$202, the undersigned executes and delivers the	following Articles of Incorporation			
FIRST	ľ:	The name of the corporation is Maine Oyster, Inc.				
SECO	ND:	The name of its vanal Clerk, who must be a Maine res Eric L. Horne	ident, and the address of the initial registered office shall be			
		(aume)				
		62 Pine Street, Freeport, Maine 04032				
		tphysical Section, 1980 P.C.	Fax - street, city, state and up code;			
		(nealing white	ss if different from almost			
THIR	D:	("X" one box only)				
	X.	There shall be only one class of shares. The number of	f audiorized shares is 1000			
		(Optional) Name of class				
		There shall be two or more classes or series of share	 The information required by 13-C MRSA §601 concerning mached hereto and made a part hereof. 			
FOU	RTH:	("X" one box only)				
		The corporation will have a board of directors.				
	(x)	There will be no directors, the business of the Corpo	ration will be managed by shareholders. (13-C MRSA §743)			
FIFT	Н:	(For corporations with directors, each of the following	provisions is optional - "X" only if applicable)			
		The number of directors is limited as follows: not few (13-C MRSA \$803)	eer than nor more than directors.			
		To the fullest extent permitted by 13 C MRSA §200 us shareholders for money damages for an action take	2.2.D, a director shall have no liability to the Corporation of on or a failure to take an action as a director			
			itts bylaws, the Corporation shall in all cases provide its directors and officers to the fullest extent permitted by			

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SIXTH:	("X" only if applicable)		
	The Corporation elects to have preemptive rights as defined in 13-C MRSA §641		
SEVENTH:	("X" only if applicable)		
	Additional provisions of these Articles of Incorporation are set forth in Exhibit attached hereto and made a part hereof. (13-C MRSA §202)		
EIGHTH:	Name and address of each locory	porator is set forth below or on Exhibitattached hereto.	
Eric L. Home		62 Pine Street	
	(type or print stance)	(surem or mailing address)	
		Freeport, Maine 04032	
		(exty, state and vip code)	
Valeria M. St	evertynck	62 Pine Street	
	trype or print mine)	(stroat or mailing address)	
		Freeport, Maine 04032	
		(115), state and up code;	
	echies on faith name)	(sued or maring address)	
DATED Dece	ember 30, 2005	En? Home v. P. w persons.	
	Acc	reptance of Appointment of Clerk	
The uncersigne	ed hereby accepts the appointment as	s clerk for the above-named domestic business corporation.	
DATED 12/3	0/05 \		
X.o.	tax ton	Peter J. Horne	
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Note Unles docum		a appointment as clerk, Form MBCA-18 (13-C MRSA §501.3) must accompany this	
assiciation" or	"service corporation" or the abore	ann one of the following "chartered," "professional corporation," "professional coviation "P.C.," "P.A." or "S.C." Examples of professional service corporations, registered nurses and veterinarians (This is not an inclusive list – see 13 MRSA	
*These acticles	must be dated and executed by an :	encorporator oursuant to the provisions of 13 C MRSA §121.5	
Please remit yo	our payment made payable to the Ma	aine Secretary of State.	
		: CORPORATE EXAMINING SECTION, SECRETARY OF STATE, 101 STATE HOUSE STATION, AUGUSTA, ME 04333-0101	
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