



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

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COMMISSIONER

Date: March 11, 2020

To: Town of Damariscotta, 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 list

From: DMR Aquaculture Division

Re: Continued public hearing on a proposed aquaculture lease

The Department of Marine Resources (DMR) will continue the public hearing to take additional evidence on an aquaculture lease application for the following:

Applicant Name and Lease Type:	Black Stone Point Oysters LLC	<input type="checkbox"/> Experimental Lease <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Standard Lease
Culture Type	<input 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	South of Hog Island, Damariscotta River, Damariscotta, Lincoln County	
Acreage Requested:	12.98 Acres	
Lease Term Requested	20 Years	

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

April 21, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.
Damariscotta Town Hall
21 School Street
Damariscotta, ME

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 22, 2020** at the same location. Notice of a postponement or a continuance will be posted on the Department's website.

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>

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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