

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

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Date: May 9, 2022

To: Town of Damariscotta Municipal Officers and Harbormaster Lease amendment applicant Riparian (shorefront) landowners within 1,000 ft. of the proposal ME IF&W, and DACF GovDelivery Aquaculture List

From: Department of Marine Resources (DMR), Aquaculture Division

Re: Notice of Lease Amendment Application

DMR has received a completed lease amendment application for the following:

Lease Acronym	DAM BN	
Applicant	Johns River Shellfish, LLC	
Location, Waterbody, Town	South of Blackstone Narrows, Damariscotta River, Damariscotta	
Proposed Amendment	□ Species change	⊠ Gear change
Comment Submission Deadline	No later than 4:00 pm on May 26, 2022	DMR Attn: Aquaculture Division 21 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0021 <u>DMRaquaculture@maine.gov</u>

COMMENT PERIOD: DMR announces a **14-day public comment period** during which interested persons may submit written comments to DMR on the proposed amendment(s). Please submit written comments by mail or email to the address provided above by the deadline.

VIEW THE APPLICATION: A copy of the application is available on DMR's website at: <u>https://www.maine.gov/dmr/aquaculture/leases/pending/index.html</u>

CONTACT THE APPLICANT: Please contact the applicant with any questions regarding their proposed amendment(s). Contact information for the applicant can be found in their application.

DMR PROCEDURE: After the comment submission deadline, DMR will review the proposed amendment application and all comments received. DMR may grant proposed lease amendment(s) if they do not violate any of the lease decision criteria, are consistent with the original lease decision, and do not violate any of the conditions set forth in the original lease. No hearing will be held on this amendment application. If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact the Aquaculture Division (207) 624-6573 or <u>DMRaquaculture@maine.gov</u>