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**NOTICE OF EXPERIMENTAL AQUACULTURE LEASE APPLICATION  
AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

**TO:** Riparian (shorefront) landowners within 1,000 ft. of proposed aquaculture lease site  
Shellfish Warden/Shellfish Commission  
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**FROM:** Cindy L. Burke, Paralegal Assistant

**DATE:** March 27, 2019

**APPLICATION:** Mussel Bound Incorporated has applied to the Department of Marine Resources for a limited-purpose (3-year, experimental) aquaculture lease on a 3.55-acre site located in Bartlett Narrows, Blue Hill Bay, Mount Desert, Maine for suspended culture of blue mussels

**COMMENT PERIOD:** The Department of Marine Resources announces a **30-day public comment period** during which interested persons may submit written comments or request a public hearing on the application. A hearing is optional for experimental lease applications unless the Department receives five or more written requests from interested persons during the 30-day comment period. The comment period deadline is April 29, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

**CONTACT THE APPLICANT:** If you have any questions or concerns about the proposed lease, please contact Erick Swanson of Mussel Bound Incorporated at (207) 266-1250 or [erickswanson553@gmail.com](mailto:erickswanson553@gmail.com).

**DMR REVIEW:** During our review, Department biologists will visit and assess the site in light of the legal requirements for aquaculture leases. Other state and federal agencies will also review the application, including the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

**COPIES OF DOCUMENTS:** For copies of the documents related to this application, please visit the DMR website: <https://www.maine.gov/dmr/aquaculture/leases/pending/index.html>. The pending lease applications are listed alphabetically by applicant name. To request a paper copy of the application or if you have any questions, please contact me at (207) 624-6567 or [cindy.l.burke@maine.gov](mailto:cindy.l.burke@maine.gov). The aquaculture page of the DMR website also has information on how the public can participate in the aquaculture leasing process.

The legal authority for this notice is Title 12, MRSA §6072-A (5) and DMR Rules Chapter 2.64 (4) (C).

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