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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
Town of Mt. Desert
John Lemoine, Mt. Desert Harbormaster
Shellfish Warden/Shellfish Commission
General and Case Specific Mailing Lists

FROM: Cindy L. Burke, Paralegal Assistant

DATE: March 11, 2019

APPLICATION: Victor Doyle has applied for a limited-purpose (3-year, experimental) aquaculture lease to grow blue mussels, hard clams/quahogs, soft-shelled clams, razor clams, American/Eastern oysters, European oysters, sea scallops, and green sea urchins using suspended culture on a 1.00-acre site located east of Bartlett Island, Blue Hill Bay, Mount Desert, Maine.

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 15, 2019.

CONTACT THE APPLICANT: If you have any questions or concerns about the proposed lease, please contact Mr. Doyle at (207) 460-6485 or victorjohndoyle@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.lburke@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, MRS §6072-A (5) and DMR Rules Chapter 2.64 (4) (C).

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