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04333-0021

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**Date:** January 5, 2021

**To:** Town of Steuben Municipal Officials, and Elwood Pinkham, Harbormaster  
Riparian (shorefront) landowners within 1,000 ft. of proposed aquaculture lease site  
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**From:** Department of Marine Resources (DMR) Aquaculture Division

**Re:** Notice of Two Completed Lease Applications and Comment Period

The DMR has received two experimental lease applications for the following:

**Application No. 1:**

Applicant	Arnold Francis	
Culture Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Bottom culture (No gear) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suspended culture (Bottom and/or surface gear)	
Species	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shellfish <input type="checkbox"/> Marine algae <input type="checkbox"/> Finfish <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Location, Waterbody, Town	East of Birch Point, Dyer Bay, Steuben	
Lease Size and Term	Size: 2.86 Acres	Lease Term: 3 years
Comment Period Deadline and Submission	No later than 4:00 p.m. on February 6, 2021	DMR Attn: Aquaculture Division 21 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0021 <a href="mailto:DMRaquaculture@maine.gov">DMRaquaculture@maine.gov</a>

And

**Application No. 2:**

Applicant	Arnold Francis	
Culture Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Bottom culture (No gear) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suspended culture (Bottom and/or surface gear)	
Species	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shellfish <input type="checkbox"/> Marine algae <input type="checkbox"/> Finfish <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Location, Waterbody, Town	Smelt Brook, Dyer Bay, Steuben	
Lease Size and Term	Size: 3.7 Acres	Lease Term: 3 years
Comment Period Deadline and Submission	No later than 4:00 p.m. on February 6, 2021	DMR Attn: Aquaculture Division 21 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0021 <a href="mailto:DMRaquaculture@maine.gov">DMRaquaculture@maine.gov</a>

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**COMMENT PERIOD:** The Department of Marine Resources announces a **30-day public comment period** on both applications during which interested persons may submit written comments or request a public hearing on one or both of the applications. When submitting comments, please indicate which application you are commenting about or requesting a hearing on. A hearing is optional for experimental lease applications unless the Department receives five or more written requests from interested persons during the comment period. Please submit written comments by mail or e-mail to the address provided above by the deadline.

**VIEW THE APPLICATION:** To view a copy of the completed applications, please visit:  
<https://www.maine.gov/dmr/aquaculture/leases/pending/index.html>

**CONTACT THE APPLICANT:** Please contact the applicant with any questions regarding his proposals. Contact information for the applicant can be found in his applications.

**DMR REVIEW:** DMR staff will visit and assess the sites in consideration of the legal requirements for aquaculture leases. Other state and federal agencies will also review the applications. If you have additional questions or concerns, or to request a paper copy of the applications, please contact:  
[DMRaquaculture@maine.gov](mailto:DMRaquaculture@maine.gov)

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