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21 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE
04333-0021

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Date: August 6, 2020

To: Town of Beals, Municipal Officials and Harbormaster, Riparian (shorefront) landowners within 1,000 ft. of proposed aquaculture lease site, Case-specific and General mailing lists

From: Department of Marine Resources (DMR) Aquaculture Division

Re: Notice of Completed Application and Comment Period

The DMR has received an experimental lease application for the following:

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| Applicant | Downeast Institute | |
| 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 | Joan's Pound, Black Duck Cove, Eastern Bay, Beals | |
| Lease Size and Term | Size: 0.84 Acres | Lease Term: 3 years |
| Comment Period Deadline and Submission | No later than 4:00 p.m. on September 11, 2020 | DMR Attn: Aquaculture Division 21 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0021 DMRaquaculture@maine.gov |

COMMENT PERIOD: The DMR 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 comment period. Please submit written comments by mail or email to the address provided above by the deadline.

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

CONTACT THE APPLICANT: Please contact the applicant with any questions regarding their proposal. Contact information for the applicant can be found in their application.

DMR REVIEW: DMR staff will visit and assess the site in consideration of the legal requirements for aquaculture leases. Other state and federal agencies will also review the application. If you have additional questions or concerns, or to request a paper copy of the application, please contact: 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).