



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

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COMMISSIONER

Date: January 25, 2021

To: Town of Blue Hill, Municipal Officials and Harbormaster
Riparian (shorefront) landowners within 1,000 ft. of proposed aquaculture lease site
State agencies as required by applicable statute
General and Case-specific notification lists

From: DMR Aquaculture Division

Re: Notice of Scheduled Aquaculture Lease Hearing

The Department of Marine Resources (DMR) is holding a remote public hearing to take evidence on an aquaculture lease application for the following:

Applicant Name and Lease Type	Tightrope Seafarms, LLC	<input type="checkbox"/> Experimental Lease <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Standard Lease
Culture Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bottom culture (No gear)	<input type="checkbox"/> Suspended culture (Gear on bottom and/or suspended)
Species	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shellfish	<input type="checkbox"/> Marine algae <input type="checkbox"/> Finfish <input type="checkbox"/> Other
General Location, Town	Tract 1 – south of Carlton Island, Salt Pond, Blue Hill Tract 2 – southeast of Carlton Island, Salt Pond, Blue Hill	
Acreage Requested	7.25	
Lease Term Requested	20 years	

The public hearing on this application has been scheduled as follow:

March 2, 2021
3:00 p.m.
Remote hearing conducted via Microsoft Teams

If the public hearing listed above is postponed an alternate remote public hearing will be held on **March 4, 2021** at the same time. Notice of a postponement will be posted on the Department's website.

PARTICIPATING IN THE HEARING: Interested persons may participate in the remote hearing by computer or phone. To help manage the proceeding, interested persons need complete an online registration form no later than **5:00 p.m. , February 15, 2021**. After the registration deadline, DMR will contact interested persons with information about how to join the remote hearing. If you are unable to register online or need assistance with the form, please contact DMR.

Online registration can be completed at:

<https://www.maine.gov/dmr/aquaculture/meetinglist.html>.

INTERVENING: Applications to intervene need to be received by DMR no later than **5:00 p.m. on February 15, 2021**. DMR will decide whether to grant intervenor applications five days before the hearing. If you are granted intervenor status, you become a legal party to the proceeding. See the contact information below to request an intervenor application from DMR. You do not need to be an intervenor to participate in the proceeding.

INFORMATION ON DMR WEBSITE: See DMR's website, for the lease application and DMR site report: <http://www.maine.gov/dmr/aquaculture/leases/pending/index.html>.

Address questions to:

Maine Department of Marine Resources

Attn: Aquaculture Division

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(207) 624-6567

Send emails to DMRaquaculture@maine.gov

For disability accommodations, contact Meredith Mendelson at (207) 624-6553 or meredith.mendelson@maine.gov; or 877-243-2823, TTY 711

RELEVANT AUTHORITY: Chapter 2 of DMR regulations; 5 M.R.S.A. §9501 et seq. & 12 M.R.S.A. §6072(1) et seq., & 12 M.R.S.A. §6072-A(1) et seq.