



## STANDARD LEASE PRE-APPLICATION MEETING: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

**Q: What is a pre-application meeting?**

**A:** A pre-application meeting is required for anyone interested in applying for a standard lease. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss your proposed operations with the Department, along with the harbormaster(s) and/or the municipal officers of the town in which you wish to apply. The meeting is also a great way for you to learn more about local issues and the leasing process.

**Q: Why do I have to participate in a pre-application meeting?**

**A:** Pre-application meetings are required by Department regulation and are an integral part of the lease application process.

**Q: Where are pre-application meetings held?**

**A:** The meetings are held in the municipality where the proposed lease is located. Specific locations are decided between you, the Department, and the individual(s) representing the municipality.

**Q: What should I expect during the pre-application meeting?**

**A:** Be prepared to discuss your proposal and answer questions. You will also receive feedback from the Department and municipality that will be useful as you progress through the application process.

## TIPS FOR SUCCESS

### DO YOUR HOMEWORK!

Prior to the pre-application meeting, carefully consider your proposal. At this point in the planning process, you should be able to answer the following questions:

**1. WHAT?**

- What species are you planning to cultivate?
- What is the acreage of the proposed site?
- What activities have you observed in and around the proposed lease site (i.e. recreational fishing, nesting birds, kayakers, vessel traffic, etc.)?

**2. WHERE?**

- Where will the proposed site be located? A map of the general area is helpful for discussion purposes, but is not required.
- Is the proposed site intertidal, or subtidal?
- Where will you obtain stock?

**3. HOW?**

- How will you access the proposed site?
- How will you cultivate the proposed species (i.e. gear types, harvest techniques, etc.)?