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Apr 29th 2026

Letter in support of Aquaculture Lease application for Allison Melvin and Jesse Klein

To: Maine Dept of Marine Resources

From: Rod Greenwood and Victoria Hertz, 47 Ox Point Ln, Deer Isle, Maine 04627

Dear Maine DMR, Deer Isle Select Board and Jim Fisher (Town Manager):

We are writing to fully support the application to transition to a permanent lease for the Oyster Farm that Allison and Jesse are proposing for Fish Creek.

We have owned a waterfront home on Fish Creek since 2000 and have used the waters for recreation and boating all during that time. Over the last few years, we have seen the Oyster Farm in Fish Creek and watched Allison and Jesse operate it diligently and produce a splendid product.

It has had no impact on our boating activities, and they are considerate neighbors and excellent stewards of the water resources. We allow DMR to water test from our shore and the results over the last few years have been very positive in terms of water quality for everyone that lives along Fish Creek and Greenlaw Cove. Their farm offers economic activity on the Island, a low environmental impact especially from a water quality perspective and a sustainable business.

We apologize for this late submission – we have been travelling. Hopefully this can be considered in support of the application.

Regards, Rod Greenwood and Victoria Hertz.

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May 3, 2026

To: Maine Department of Marine Resources
From: Tim and Emily Hoechst, 81 Oak Point Rd., Deer Isle, ME

Re: Allison Melvin and Jesse Klein d/b/a Fish Creek Oysters
Aquaculture Lease application

Dear DMR Review Committee:

I am writing in support of Fish Creek Oysters' current application for their aquaculture lease. Our property borders Fish Creek directly to the north and west of their oyster farm, and we can see their equipment from our backyard. We have no objections to the proposed expansion, and in fact wholly support the efforts of this hard-working and conscientious team.

We have ample opportunity to observe Allison and Jesse going to and from their lines, caring for and harvesting their oysters. The visual impact of their farm is minimal, even when they are going to and from their gear to work. I have never seen them operate at night, use bright lights, or work with loud boats or equipment. We spend a lot of time in Fish Creek, both in kayaks and in our center-console Eastern boat, and we have never had any trouble navigating around their operation to get out to deeper water in Greenlaw Cove. They have been careful to keep their oyster farm out of direct boat traffic, and as their application shows, the new equipment will do so as well.

Finally, I cannot tell you what tremendous thought Allison and Jesse take with their work. They are courteous and friendly on the water and off. They are excellent stewards of the surrounding habitat. It is always a pleasure to see them on the water, and to know that this sea farm is in such competent hands. I do hope their application is approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

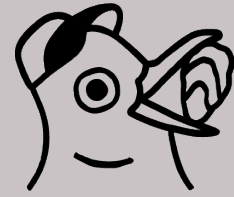
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