## **AQUACULTURE PUBLIC SCOPING SESSION**

January 14, 2022 4:00 pm Harpswell Town Hall Selectmen's Meeting Room 263 Mountain Road Harpswell, ME 04079

The Department of Marine Resources has received a draft aquaculture lease application for the following:

Applicant	Keith Butterfield	
Culture Type	Suspended culture (gear on bottom and/or suspended)	
Species	Shellfish	
Town	Harpswell	
Waterbody, General Description	Casco Bay; southwest of Lower Goose Island	
Lease Size and Term	25 acres	20 years

If the scoping session listed above is cancelled, an alternate scoping session will be held on January 21, 2022, at the same time and location. Notice of a cancellation will be posted on the Department's website at <a href="https://www.maine.gov/dmr/index.html">https://www.maine.gov/dmr/index.html</a>.

## What is a scoping session?

A scoping session is a meeting where the applicant explains their tentative proposal to members of the public. It's an opportunity for members of the public to provide feedback on the proposal, prior to the applicant submitting a final application and an eventual public hearing. **This meeting does not determine whether the proposal will be granted.** 

## **How to participate:**

You can attend the session or contact the applicant. A copy of the draft lease application, which includes the applicant's contact information is available on DMR's website at: <a href="http://www.maine.gov/dmr/aquaculture/leases/draftstandardapps.html">http://www.maine.gov/dmr/aquaculture/leases/draftstandardapps.html</a>.

**Submit comments:** Anyone who cannot attend the scoping session may submit comments about the draft proposal to DMR. The deadline for written comments is 4:00 p.m. on Monday, January 24, 2022.

Written comments can be emailed or mailed to DMR at the address below:
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