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APPLICATION FOR CHANGE IN AUTHORIZATION FOR SPECIES and/or GEAR



Lease Acronym	TAUN HB4
Leaseholder	Taunton Bay Oyster Co., Inc.
Contact Person	Michael Briggs
Address	P.O. Box 613
City	Ellsworth
State, Zip	ME 04605
Telephone	207 266-3353
Email	mike@tauntonbay.com
Is this a multi-tract lease site?	☐ Yes ☒ No If "yes" please list which tract(s) you are proposing to amend: Note: Please provide renderings for all tracts you are proposing to amend.

What type of amendment are you requesting (check one)?

☒ Gear amendment only

Instructions: Review and complete sections 1, 3, 4, and 5 of this application

☐ Species amendment only

Instructions: Review and complete sections 1, 2, 4, and 5 of the application

☐ Gear and species amendment

Instructions: Review and complete each section of the application

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1. Bird Deterrents

BIRD DETERRENTS: *Suspended culture gear can attract birds that roost on the gear and defecate, potentially creating a pollution source impacting shellfish held within the gear. If you are applying to add shellfish species and/or suspended gear to your site, please include a description of mitigation or deterrent measures to minimize the potential pollution impacts of birds. If appropriate, include sketches or photos that clearly depict those measures put into practice.*

Examples may include:

- Suspended gear and associated product would be submerged at a depth sufficient to deter roosting for at least two weeks before harvest
- Attaching physical deterrents (i.e. zip ties) to gear
- Only shellfish seed would be cultured
- Only adductor-only scallops would be cultured

We have used these crates in the past with a zip tie and have never had problems with birds.

3. GEAR CHANGES

GEAR INFORMATION: Describe each gear type you wish to add to or remove from your current gear plan.

Specific Gear Type (e.g. soft mesh bag)	Add or Remove	Dimensions of Gear Added or Removed (e.g. 16"x20"x2")	Dates That Gear Will Be in The Water (Added gear only)
Plastic lobster crates	Add	20"Wx32"Lx15"H	Year-round except when ice develops

*** Attach the following drawings showing the proposed new gear. Use the plans in your Army Corps permit and/or DMR lease application as a starting point. Be sure to include:

- **Layout plan** showing:
 - placement of existing and new gear on lease site
 - north arrow
 - lease corners labeled
- **Cross-section view** showing:
 - mooring gear and
 - other gear
 - depths at MLW and MHW
- **Drawing of an individual piece of each new gear**, including:
 - dimensions and
 - materials and
 - numbers of each type of gear to be added

Complete responses to the following questions (attach a separate sheet if needed):

1. How does adding this gear change your existing operations?
It allows us to purge and inventory our market oysters in preparation of sales

2. Describe any changes in the number of trips to the lease site per day. If none, please write "none."
None

3. Describe any changes in noise and level of on-site activity. If there are no changes, please write "none."
None

4. Will gear remain on site during the winter?

☒ Yes

☐ No

If you selected "yes" use the space below to describe your overwintering plans. Please include the dates for overwintering.

Gear will remain on site in winter only if ice does not develop. If ice develops crates will be removed.

4. Tax Maps and Riparian List

Is your existing lease within 1,000ft of shorefront land (which extends to mean low water or 1,650 ft. from shore, whichever is less)?

☒ Yes

☐ No

If yes, the following supporting documents are required:

A. Tax Map

A labeled copy of the appropriate tax map(s) depicting the location of the lease site. If you are amending a multi-tract site, please include a tax map(s) for all tracts.

The map(s) needs to include the following elements:

- Label the map "Tax Map: Town of (name of town)."
- Legible scale
- Tax lot numbers clearly displayed
- The boundaries of the existing lease

B. Riparian List

Please use the Riparian Landowner List (included on the next page) to list the name and address of every shorefront landowner within 1,000 feet of your existing lease. Have the tax collector or clerk of the municipality certify the riparian list.

RIPARIAN LANDOWNER LIST****THIS LIST MUST BE CERTIFIED****

On this list, please show the current landowners' names and mailing addresses as listed in the municipal tax records for all riparian shorefront parcels within 1,000 feet of the existing lease site along with the map and lot number for each parcel. **It is the applicant's responsibility to assemble the information for the Town Clerk to certify.** The Town Clerk only certifies that the information is correct according to the Town's records. Once you have completed the form, ask the Town Clerk to complete the certification section below. If the parcels are within more than one municipality, provide a separate, certified riparian list for each municipality.

TOWN OF: Franklin

<u>Map#</u>	<u>Lot#</u>	<u>Landowner name(s) and address(es)</u>
2	28	Thrumcap LLC P.O. Box 613 Ellsworth, ME 04605
2	28-4	Taunton Bay Oyster Co., Inc. P.O. Box 613 Ellsworth, Me 04605
2	29	Donald & Martina Anderson 144 Hog Bay Rd. Franklin, ME 04634
2	30 & 31	David E. Howes & Ruth Torrey <i>Jason R. & Kendra Hanna</i> 21 Farmhouse Way Mount Desert, ME 04660
6	64	David L. & Elaine M. Hughes 1518 Stony Garden Rd. Quakertown, PA 18951
6	64-1	Gregory Gleason P.O. Box 142 Sullivan, ME 04664
15	18	Gregory Raymond 63 Dwelley Point Rd. Franklin, ME 04634
15	18-1	Dwelley Point Association P.O. Box 337 Franklin, ME 04634
15	19	Robert & Wendy Shusko <i>1337 Palmetto PT Spring Branch, TX 78070</i> 64 Dwelley Point Rd. Franklin, ME 04634

Please use additional sheets if necessary and attach hereto.

CERTIFICATION

I, Elaine Brown, ^{Tax Collector}~~Town Clerk~~ for the Town of Franklin certify that the names and addresses of the property owners listed above, as well as the map and lot numbers, are those listed in the records of this municipality and are current as of this date.

SIGNED: Elaine Brown DATE: 7/27/2026

5. Applicant Signature

I hereby state that the information included in this application is true and correct. I have also read and understand the requirements of the Department's rules governing aquaculture and the application instructions pertaining to the lease amendment process.

Printed name: Bryan (Michael) Briggs

Title (if corporate applicant): President

Signature: Bryan (Michael) Briggs Date: 7/27/26

18 U.S.C. Section 1001 provides that: Whoever, in any manner within the jurisdiction of any department or agency of the United States knowingly and willfully falsifies, conceals, or covers up any trick, scheme, or disguises a material fact or makes any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations or makes or uses any false writing or document knowing same to contain any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or entry, shall be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned not more than five years or both.

Note:

- All applicants must sign and date this page. Please use the space below, if additional signatures are required.
- Corporate applicants, please be sure to include the title(s) (i.e. President, Treasurer, etc.) of the individual(s) signing on the company's behalf.

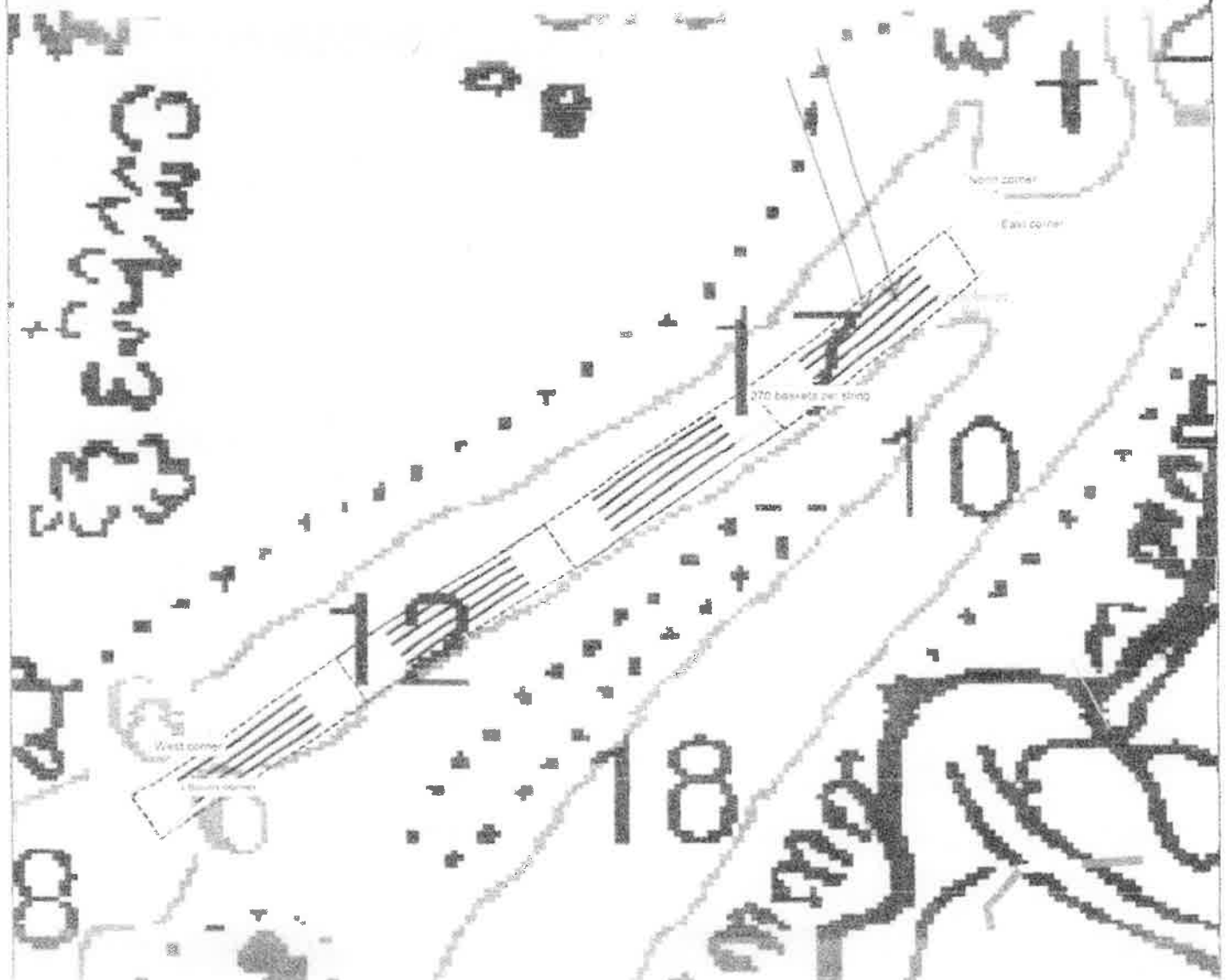
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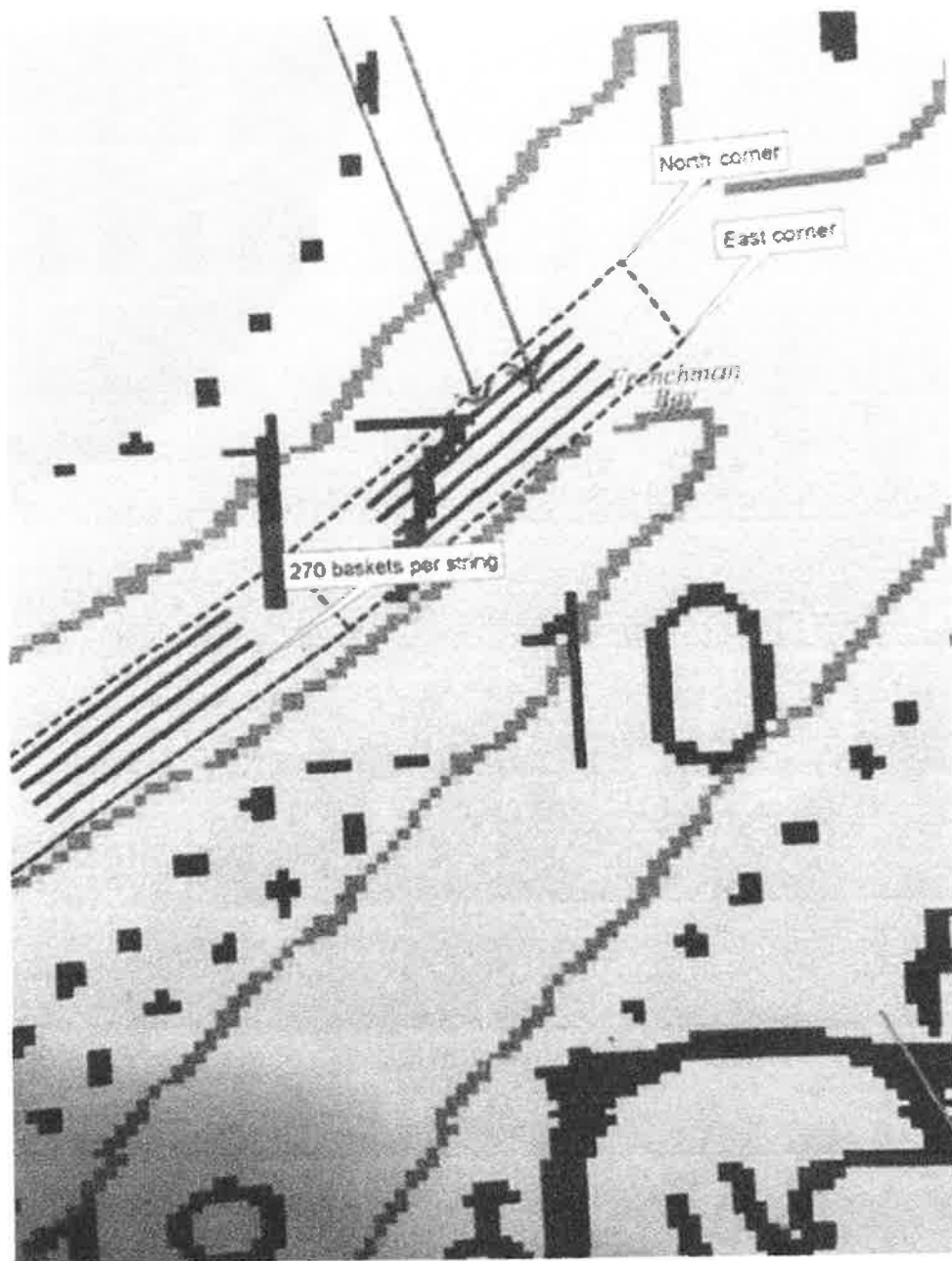
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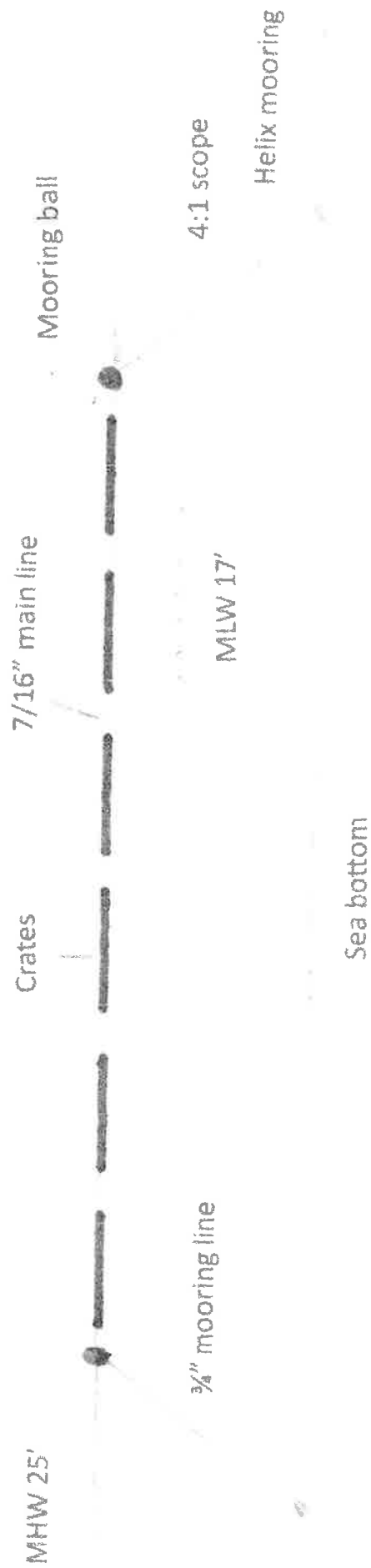
Additional gear (crates)

Two strings closest to northern corner to be used for crates (indicated by arrows), but not relinquish right to use Flip Farm baskets, as we may eventually find another area to use crates

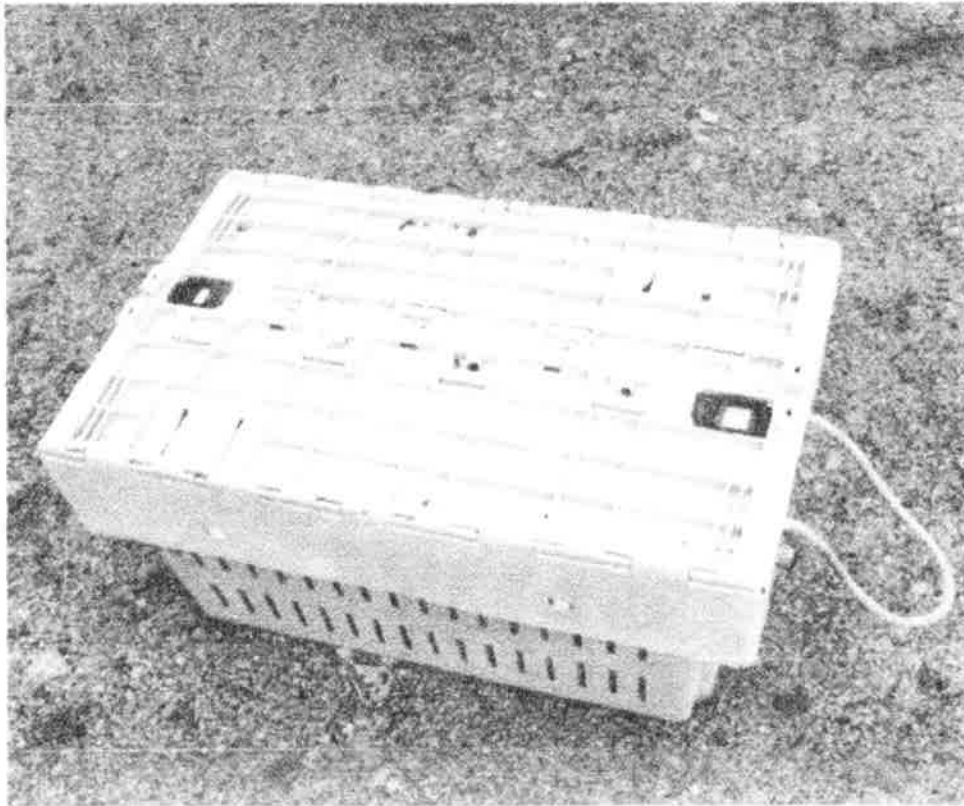




Cross-section view



Single unit (crate)



Plastic lobster crate - 20"W x 32"L x 15"H

Each string (total of two) will contain up to 60 crates, 6 sections of 10 crates each.

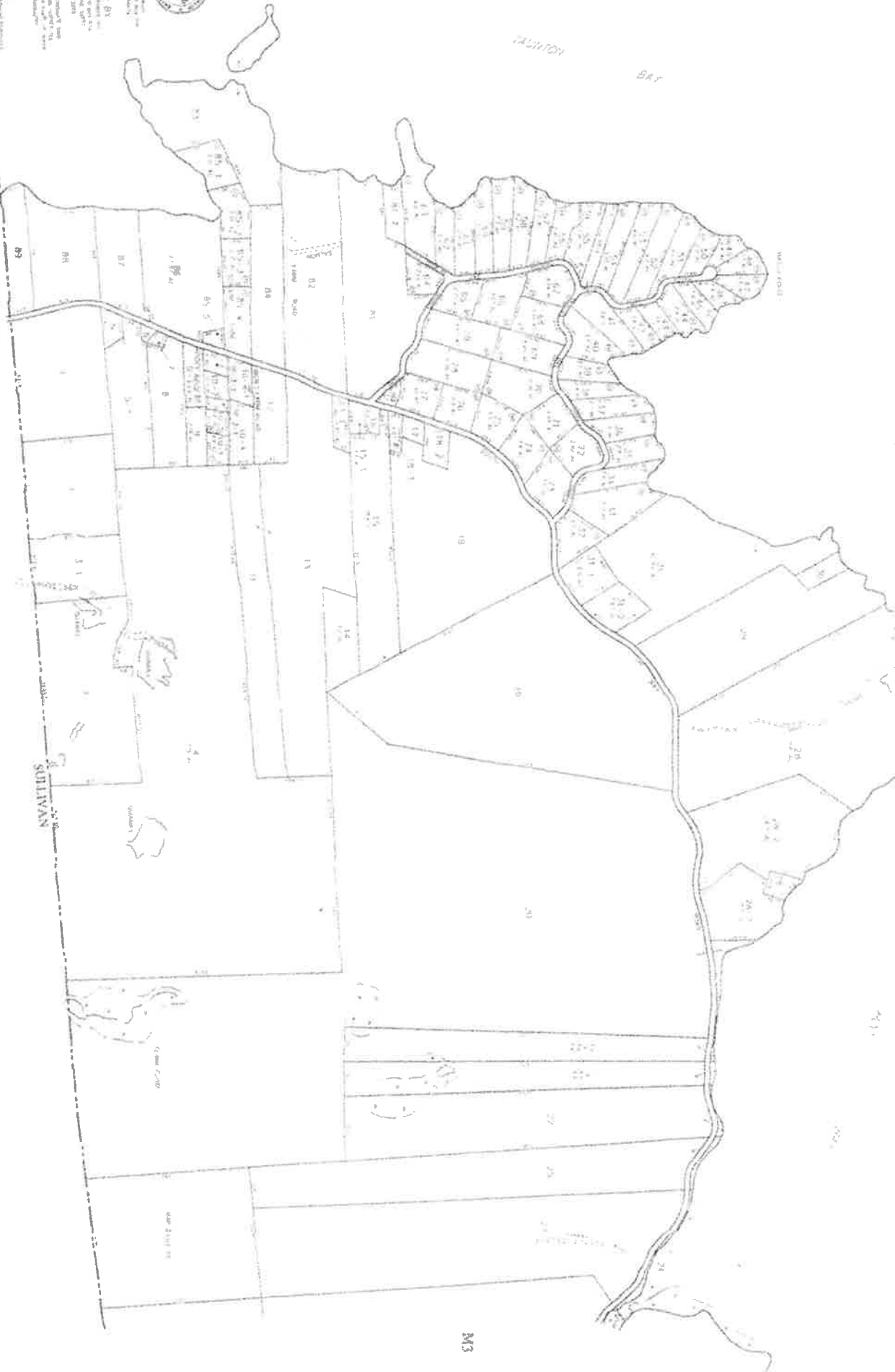
A 3/8" line (lobster rope) will connect up to 10 crates together.

Each section of up to 10 crates will be attached to a 7/16" (lobster rope) main line connected to existing moorings approved for Flip Farm gear.

Tax Maps: Town of Franklin (3)



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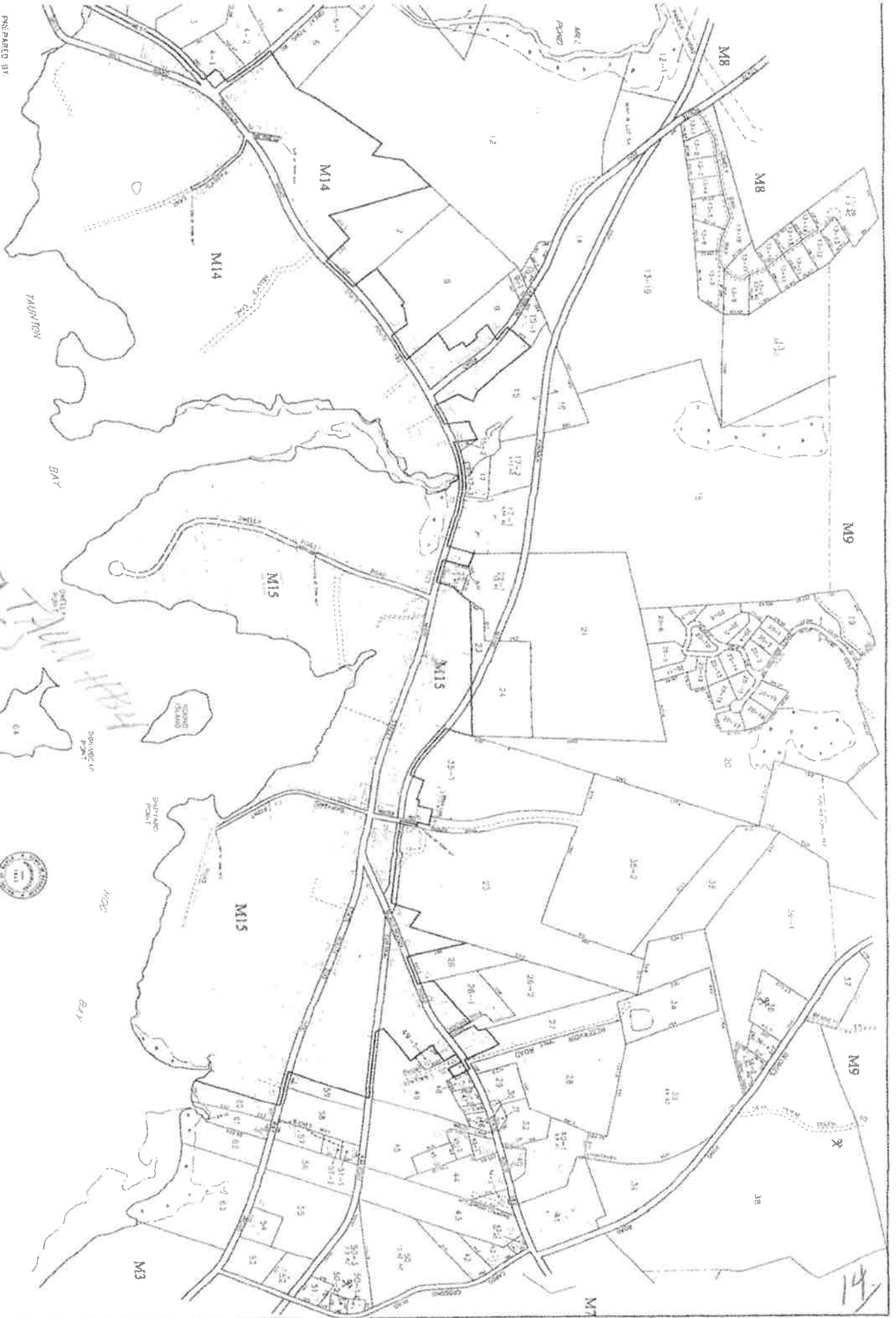
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