

LEASE EXPANSION APPLICATION

1. APPLICANT CONTACT INFORMATION

Acronym of Lease Proposed for Expansion	MEDO-HI
Applicant	Community Shellfish Co. LLC
Contact Person	Robert Cuddy
Address	656 Waldoboro rd
City	Bremen
State, Zip	Maine, 04551
County	Lincoln
Telephone	9787259279
Email	Robert.cuddy@maine.edu

Note: If applicant is a corporation or a partnership, please complete the “Corporate Applicant Information Document” available at: <http://www.maine.gov/dmr/aquaculture/forms/experimental.html>

2. PROPOSED LEASE SITE INFORMATION

Acreage of Existing Lease	4.15
Is this a multi-tract lease site?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If “yes” please list which tract(s) you are proposing to expand: _____ Note: In accordance with regulation, the proposed expansion must be proportional to each tract.
Acreage of proposed expansion (up to 25% of existing lease or 4 acres, whichever is less)	1.0
Town	Bremen
County	Lincoln
Waterbody	Medomak
Type of Culture Proposed for Expansion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bottom (no gear) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suspended (gear in the water and/or on the bottom)
Would your proposed expansion discharge anything into the water such as feed or additives?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Note: If you checked yes, you will need to contact the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Wastewater Licensing Program (Gregg.wood@maine.gov , 207-287-7693). Further sampling may be required by DMR, or DEP, depending on the characteristics of the site or the proposed activities.

Is any portion of the proposed expansion above mean low water?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Note: If you selected yes, please complete the permission requirements included in section “Landowner/Municipal Permission Requirements”.
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3. GROWING AREA DESIGNATION

Directions: Information for growing area designations can be found here:

<https://www.maine.gov/dmr/shellfish-sanitation-management/closures/index.html>

Growing Area Designation (e.g. WL):	WS
Growing Area Section (e.g. “A1”):	Inset B, “A”

Note: If you are proposing to grow molluscan shellfish in waters classified as anything other than open/approved, you will need to contact the Bureau of Public Health to discuss your plans at the following email: DMRPublicHealthDiv@maine.gov

4. SPECIES INFORMATION

A. Please complete the table below and add additional rows as needed.

Name of species to be cultivated (include both common and scientific names):	Name and address of the source of seed stock or juveniles	Maximum number (or biomass) of organisms you anticipate on the site at any given time
1. <i>Crassostrea virginica</i>	Downeast Institute 39 Wildflower Ln, Beals, ME 04611 Muscongus Bay Aquaculture 24 Seal Ledge Ln, Bremen, ME 04551 Mook Seafarm 321 ME-129, Walpole ME, 04573 Merrymeeting shellfish 2 Town Landing Rd, Bath, ME, 04530	3 million oysters ranging from new seed to market

B. Do you intend to possess, transport, or sell whole or roe-on scallops? ☐ Yes ☒ No

No

If you answered “yes” please contact the Bureau of Public Health to discuss your plans at the following email: DMRPublicHealthDiv@maine.gov

Note: If you are proposing to grow molluscan shellfish, this application also serves as your written operational plan as required in the National Shellfish Sanitation Program (NSSP) Model Ordinance Chapter 2 and must be maintained in your files. If you wish to submit an operational plan separate from this application, please contact: DMRPublicHealthDiv@maine.gov

5. VICINITY MAP

Directions: Using a NOAA Chart or USGS topographic map, show the area within a minimum of one-half mile of the existing lease site and proposed expansion. **Note:** Please label as: ‘Vicinity Map’.

The map needs to display the following:

- The waters, shore lands, and lines of mean high and mean low water within the general area of the lease
- An arrow indicating true north
- A scale bar
- The existing lease boundaries
- The proposed expansion

6. BOUNDARY DRAWING

Directions: Depict the boundaries of the existing lease site and proposed expansion. Label all corners, directions, and distances. **Note:** Please label as: ‘Boundary Drawing’.

7. COORDINATE DESCRIPTION

Directions: Provide geographic coordinates in decimal degrees for each corner of your expanded lease proposal. If you use a datum other than WGS84 or NAD83 for your expanded coordinates, please include the datum used. **Note:** Please label as: ‘Expanded Coordinates’.

8. SITE DEVELOPMENT

Directions: If your operations require the use of cages, nets, ropes, trays, or any object (structure) other than the organism to be grown directly on the bottom or buoys to mark the corners of the lease site, you must submit gear drawings and maximum structure schematics (information below). This section is intended to provide accurate plans depicting the physical structures to be placed in the proposed area. All dimensions need to be labeled with the appropriate units (i.e. 10ft, 10in). If you are proposing a bottom lease (no gear), please skip this section.

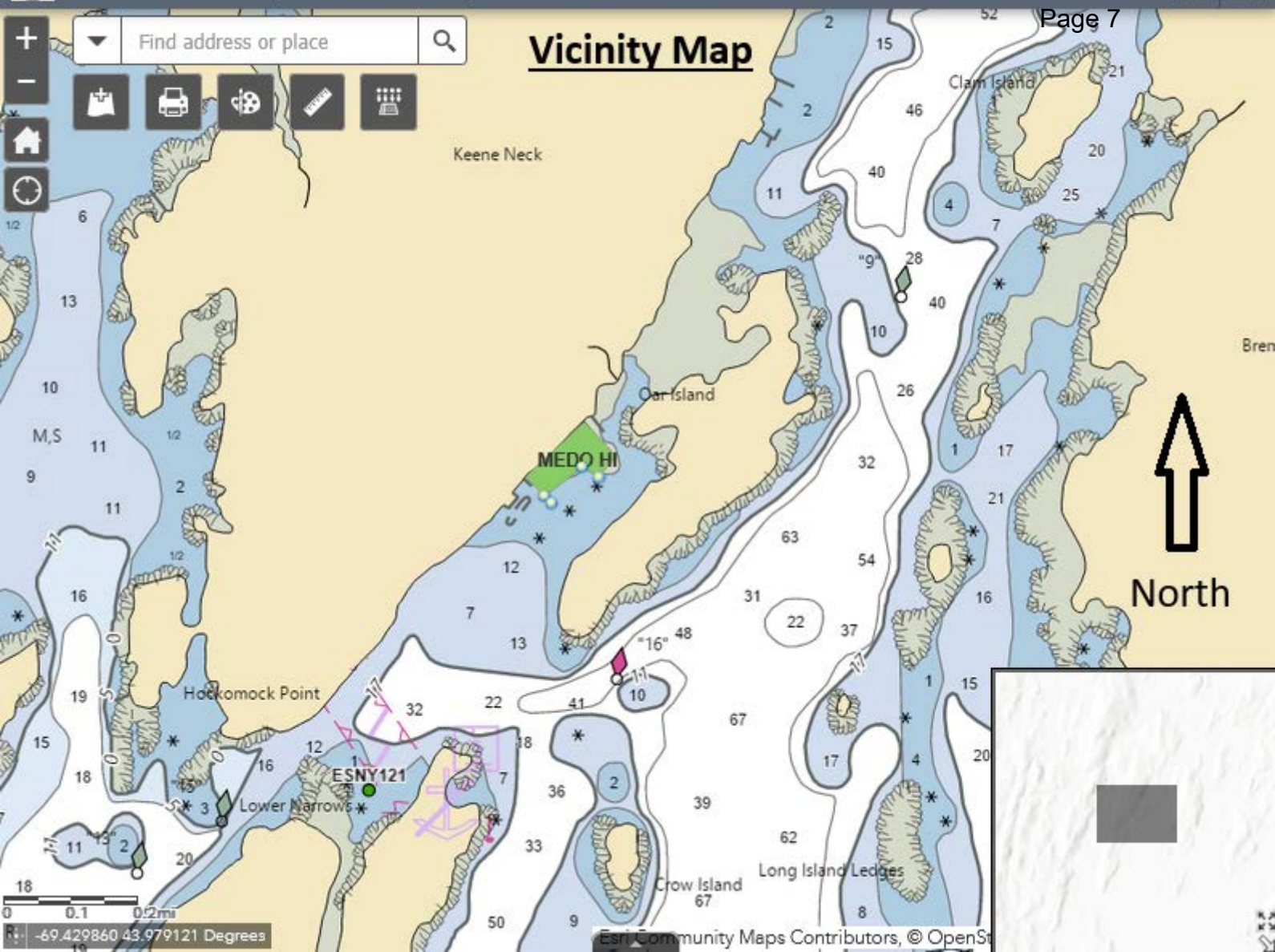
Note: You may embed the schematics within the document, or attach them to the end of your application. If you attach the schematics, please label them according to the instructions provided below.

A. Maximum Structure and Mooring System Schematic



Vicinity Map

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- B 43.98638, -69.4127
- C 43.98564, -69.41176
- Expanded area
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- E 43.98477, -69.41390
- F 43.984629, -69.413660
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Layers

Community Shellfish Prop...

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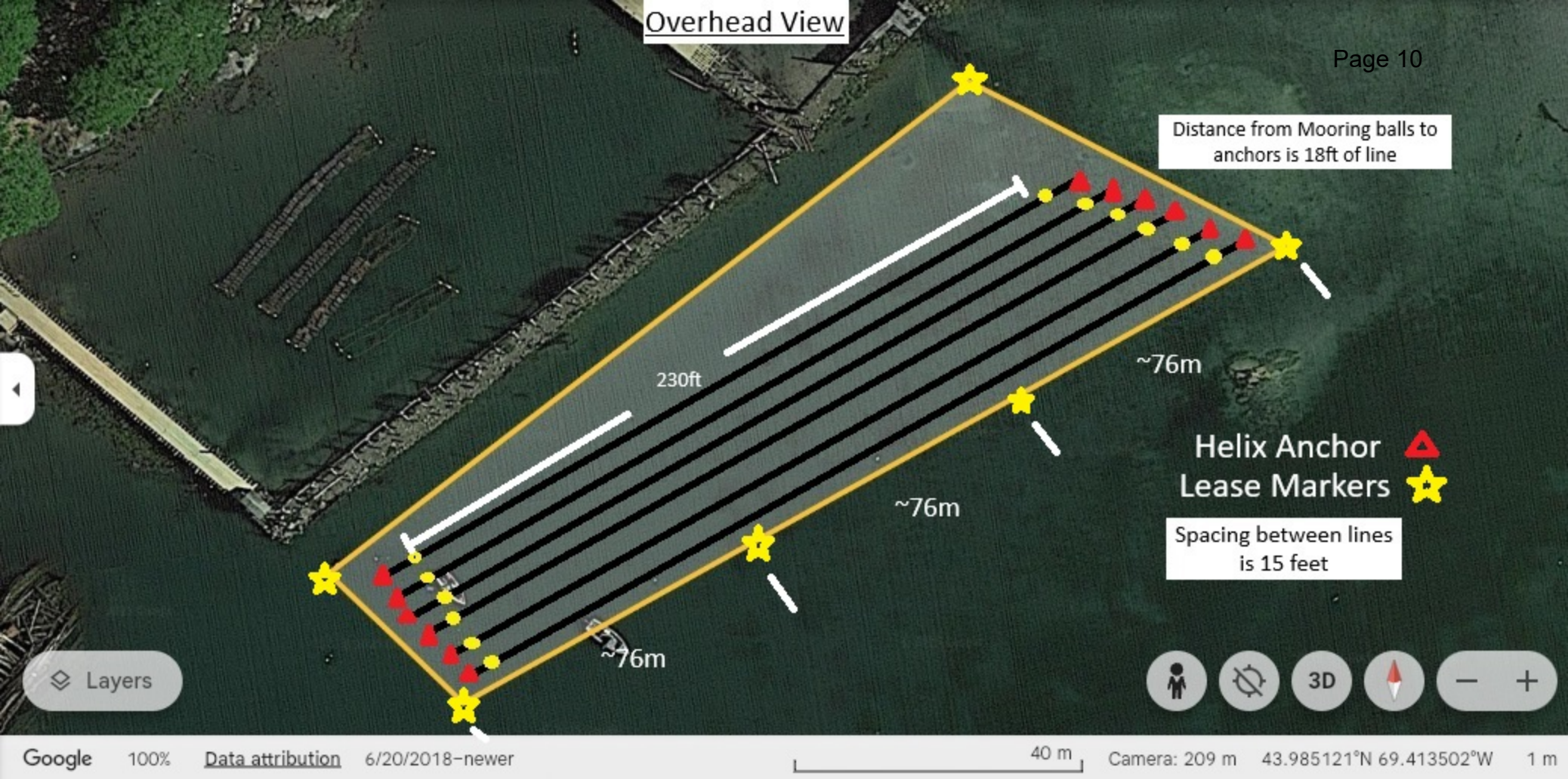
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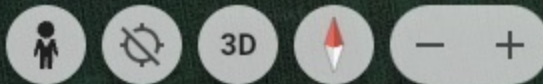
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E	43.98477	-69.41390
F	43.984629	-69.413660
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Map details: Scale bar 20 m, Camera: 219 m, Coordinates: 43.985045°N 69.413323°W, 1 m.

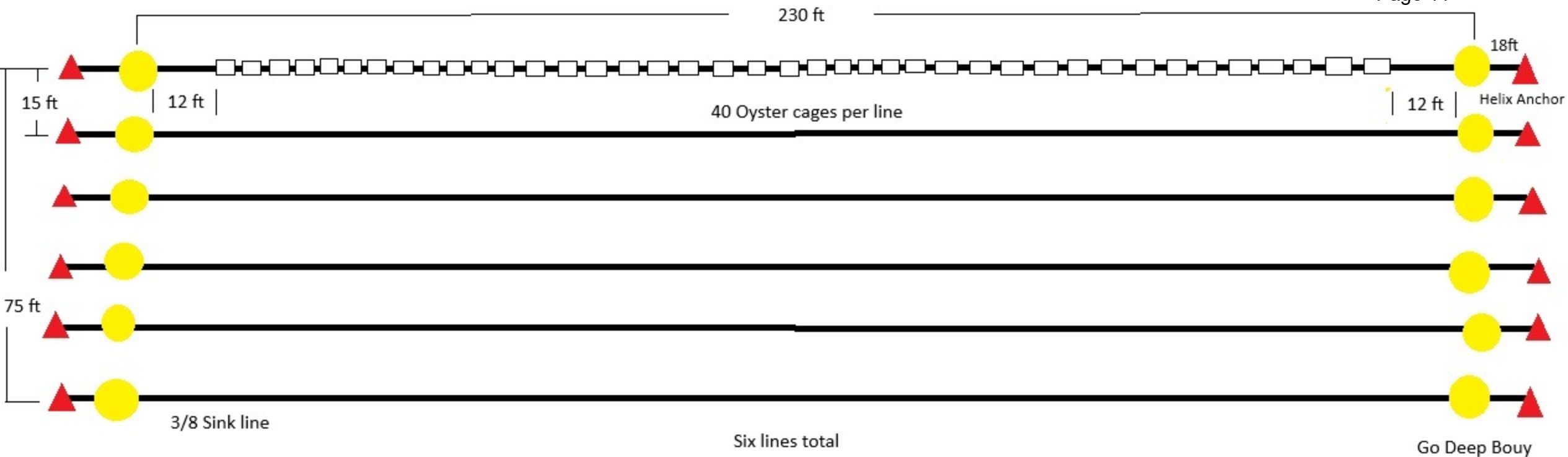


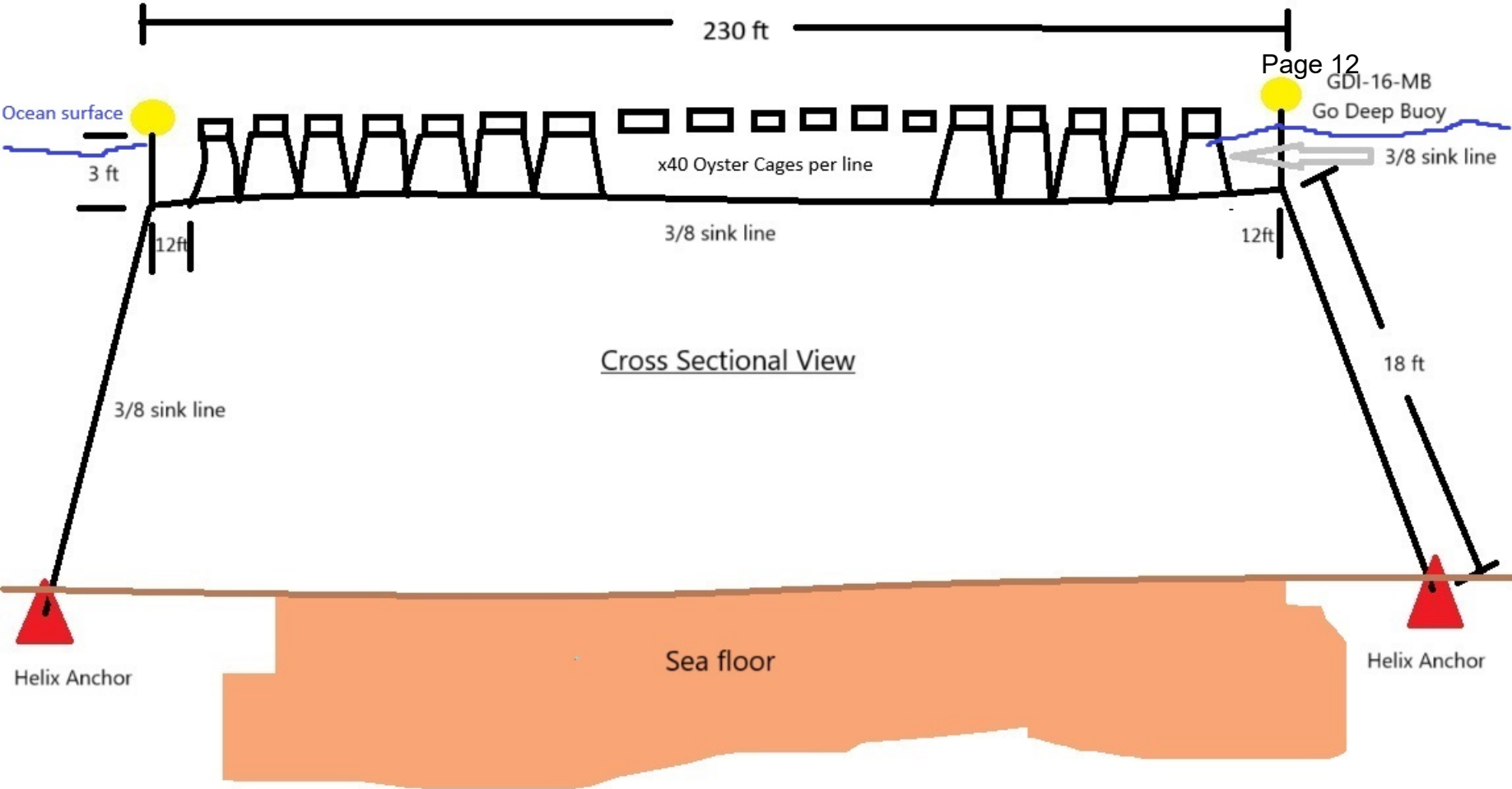
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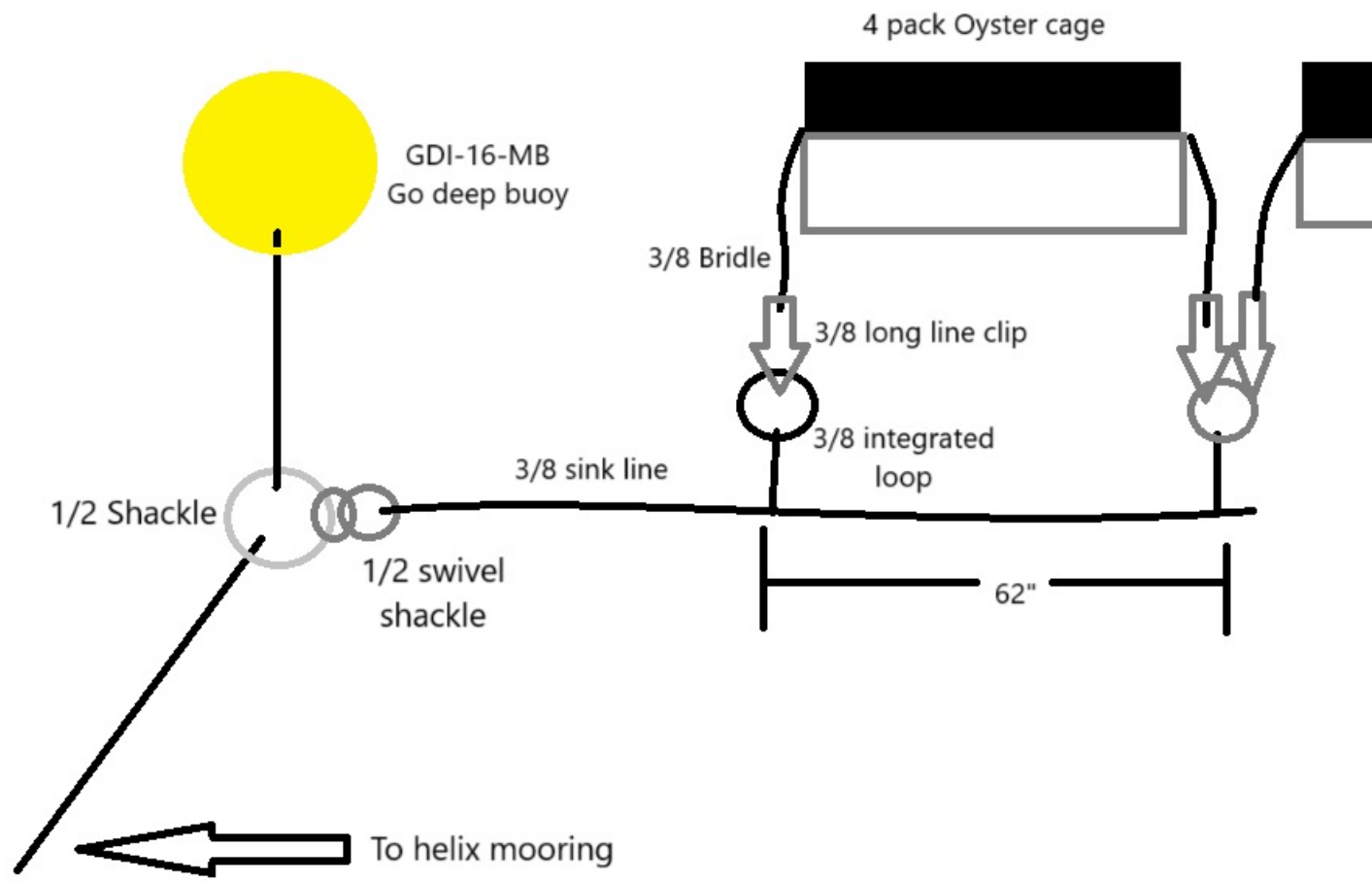


Overhead View

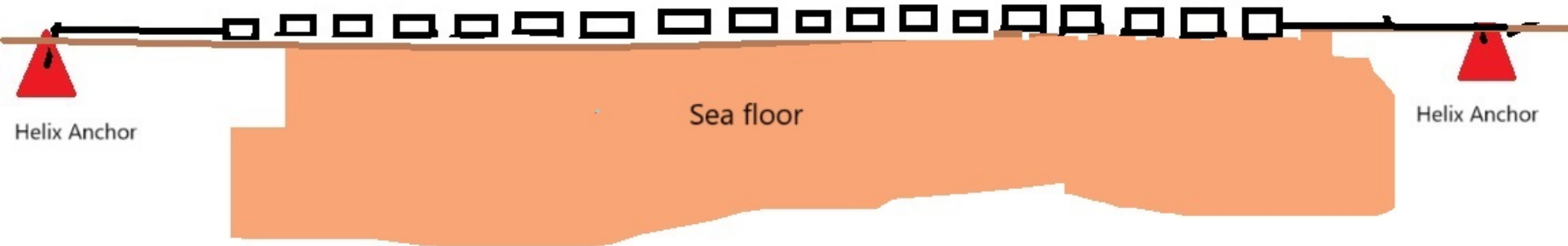
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Cross-sectional
Overwintering



230 ft

Gear Drawing

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3 ft

12ft

x40 Oyster Cages per line

12ft

18 ft

Oyster Cage Example

Floats are 41" long

Large easily-removable caps on each end.

Two airtight floats specifically designed to reach optimum buoyancy for feeding depth.

6-Gauge wire.

Four Vexar oyster bags
18" wide x 35" long x 3" high
(45.7 cm x 88.9 cm x 7.6 cm).

Housing constructed of 12-Gauge vinyl-coated wire mesh.

Wire mesh

The OysterGro® unit is built with a 12 gauge vinyl-coated [wire mesh](#).

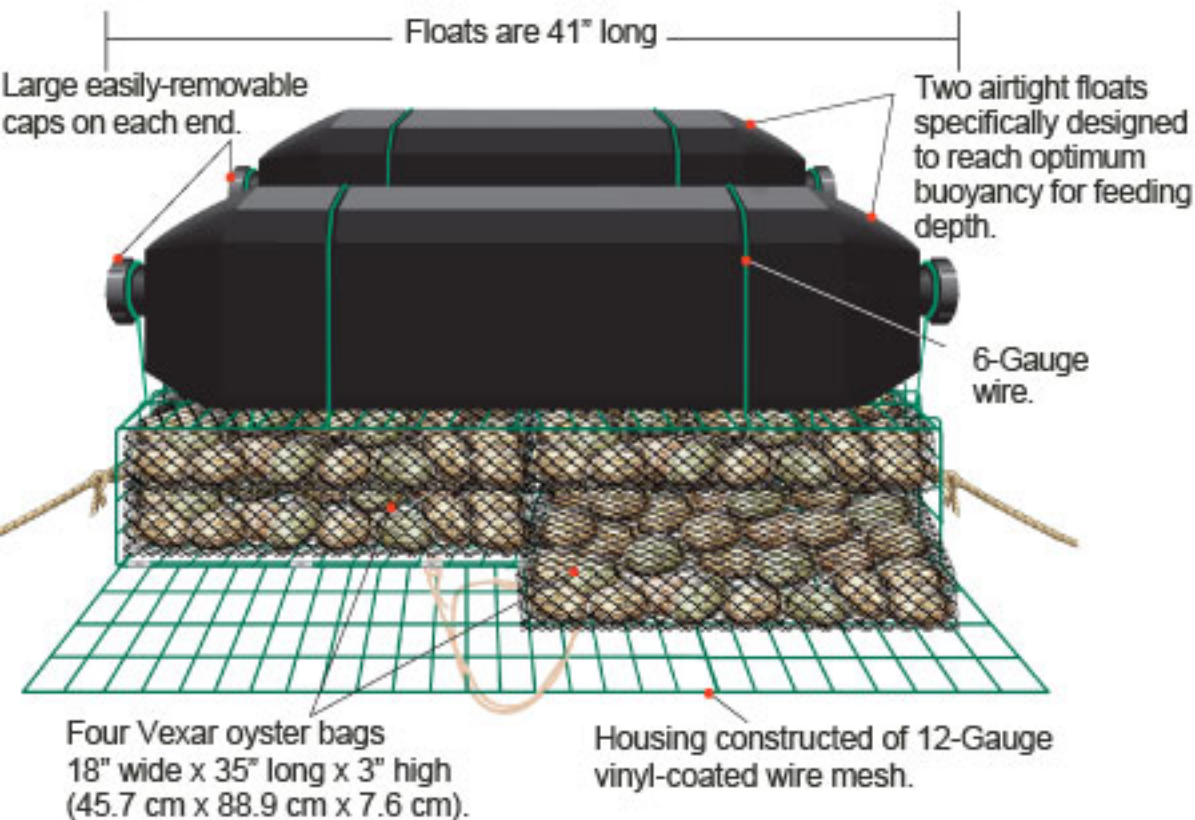


Optional: Also available is a 4 1/2" square diameter wire mesh cage made of hot dip galvanized, epoxy primed, and then vinyl coated, as seen above.

Helix Anchor

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Mini OysterGro®



Wire mesh

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Optional: Also available is a 4 1/2" square diameter wire mesh cage made of hot dip galvanized, epoxy primed, and then vinyl coated, as seen above.



FEATURES & BENEFITS

FEATURES

- Design disperses mooring loads throughout structure
- 4mm wall thickness in HDPE
- Proprietary IALA E108 Compliant colour with UV-20 protection package
- Plastic molded mooring eye for rope mooring
- Conformance to IALA Recommendations
- Available in Lateral and Special Mark

BENEFITS

- Small 16" Spherical Marker Buoy for marking hazards to navigation
- Durable 16" diameter single wall sphere construction
- Short range Visual Aid with a 0.22 NM visible range
- Molded plastic mooring eye for rope mooring
- Can be very easily deployed from a small vessel
- Ultra-low maintenance

SPECIFICATIONS

GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS

Diameter	0.40 m
Overall Height	0.48 m
Mass	2 kg

PERFORMANCE SPECIFICATIONS

Focal Plane Height (Maximum)	0.36 m
Draught (Minimum)	0.12 m
Visual Area/Surface (at max FP)	0.12 m ²
Visual Range (at max FP)	0.22 NM

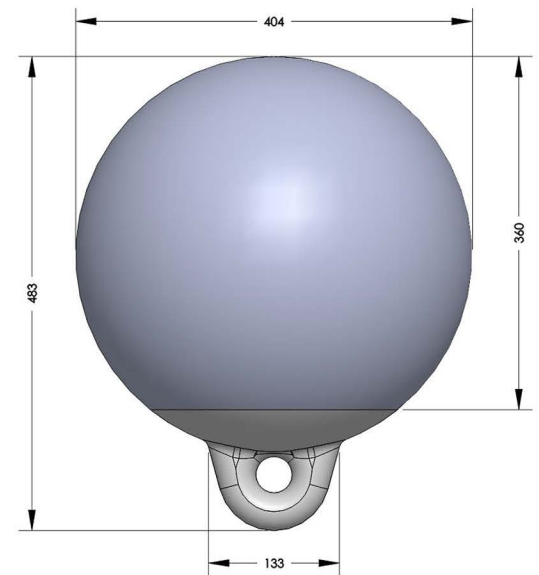
OPERATING CONDITIONS

Air Temperature Range	-40 C to +50 C
Water Temperature Range	-2 C to +50 C
Operational Current	0 to 4 knots
Survival Current Speed	10 knots
Operational Wind Speed	0 to 30 knots
Survival Wind Speed	80 knots

MATERIAL SPECIFICATIONS

Lifting and Mooring Structure	Molded in mooring eye for rope line
Buoy Hull	Rotationally molded virgin MDPE with UV20 protection package
Wall Thickness	3 mm
Foam Filling (Optional)	Closed cell EPS fused in situ block
Colors	IALA compliant colors in accordance with IALA specification E108
IALA Compliance Testing	Independent laboratory test results available
Colorfastness Test Procedure	Xenon Arc Accelerated Weathering per ASTM D-2565
Colorfastness Testing	Independent lab test results available per ASTM D-2244
Product Life Expectancy	> 20 years
Warranty	5 years

GENERAL ARRANGEMENT



Ask about our full line of
self-contained solar lanterns!



Go Deep 7.5" x 20" HD buoy



Color

Blue

Black

Green

Pink

Red

White

Yellow

SKU: N/A

Category: Buoy

Directions: Include drawings of your **maximum gear layout**. Include units referenced (i.e. 10in, 10ft, etc.).

1. Overhead View. Please include the following and label as “Overhead View”:
 - Maximum layout of gear on entirety of expanded site, including moorings.
 - Length and width of project.
 - Approximate spacing between gear.
 - Proposed expansion boundaries and the location of proposed corner markers and any additional gear markers that would be present.
2. Cross Section View: Please include the following and label as “Cross-Section View”:
 - Profile of gear cross-section as it will be deployed in the proposed expansion
 - The sea bottom
 - Label gear with dimensions and materials
 - Show mooring gear with mooring type, scope, hardware, and line type and size
 - Depths from structure(s) to sea-floor relative to mean low water and mean high water (if applicable).

Note: Please include an additional Cross-Section View, depicting the elements listed above, if there will be seasonal changes to the proposed gear type(s) (i.e. overwintering).

B. Gear Information

Directions: Please include a drawing of an individual piece of gear for each gear type you plan to use on your proposed expansion.

1. **Gear Drawing:** Please include the following for each gear type (e.g. Polar circles, marine algae longline, oyster cages) to be used and label as “New Gear Drawing”. This view must show the following:
 - Length, width, and height of each gear type.
 - Color of proposed gear.

C. On-Site Support Structures

1. Describe structures such as barges, sheds, etc., to be located on the proposed expansion. Provide a schematic and indicate the dimensions, including height above sea level, materials, etc.

None

2. Describe the storage and use of oil, gasoline or other hazardous material on this expansion. If you did not provide a spill prevention plan in your initial application, please do so here.

There would be no oil, gasoline, or hazardous material at the site.

Note: If a lease expansion is granted, you will also be required to mark the site in accordance with appropriate US Coast Guard Regulations. If you have questions about US Coast Guard regulations contact: 1st Coast Guard District, Aids to Navigation Office (617-223-3293).

9. PRODUCTION ACTIVITIES

Directions: If you are cultivating more than one species, you will need to provide information for each species. Please attach additional pages if needed.

A. Please describe your current operations (seeding, harvesting, tending, maintenance, etc.) within the boundaries of the existing lease area.

Currently we are growing oysters both inside and outside our pounds. While its been a mix of seed to market, we haven't had it organized in a particular matter. We grow seed in our upwelling system (LBA) after which we grow out our product both in gear and on the bottom both inside and outside the pounds. Maintenance follows traditional practices, flipping up every two weeks or so to dry out and harvesting as they come up to size. We tumble and thin using a grader on one of our piers.

B. Please describe how the proposed expansion would affect your current operations (seeding, harvesting, tending, maintenance, etc.).

Expansion would allow us to move some of our cages, from inside our pounds into the outer water where the water is about 2°C colder, and have a depth profile deep enough to sink cages during the winter without air exposure. This would allow us to stagger our oysters so our yearly harvest is spread out throughout the year rather than have all the markets come to size at once.

Oyster Cages are an approved gear type for our current lease.

After this expansion we plan to submit an amendment to our gear types to adjust/ add to what is inside and outside the pounds (in addition to the cages and floating bags we are already approved for). We plan to still have at least one line of oyster cages in the pound. We plan to submit an amendment for our gear once the expansion is approved. The overall goal of the expansion (and follow up amendment) is to turn the north pound into a seed grow-out area that will utilize the warmer water. The proposed gear (cages) with this expansion would be flipped up once every two weeks to remove biofoul. These cages would contain oysters at least a year old up to market size. Once oysters come to market size, the oysters in the cages will be submerged for the appropriate depuration time before harvest.

Empty cages would be flipped up to dry until they are refilled with more oysters.

C. Please describe how the proposed expansion aligns with your operational plans for the duration of the remaining lease term.

The expansion will allow our farm to become a successful commercial operation. It will allow us to be able to grow and sell more oysters. It'll offset our selling so we can sell year round as stated above. We plan to make full use of our standard lease throughout the rest of its term, after which we will renew. We experimented with the business model a bit and now we know where we want to take it as a company.

D. Suspended culture gear can attract birds that roost on the gear and defecate, potentially creating a pollution source impacting shellfish held within the gear. In order to comply with the National Shellfish Sanitation Program (NSSP) Model Ordinance (MO), and if your expansion would include the suspended culture of shellfish, include a description of mitigation or deterrent measures to minimize the potential pollution impacts of birds at the proposed site. If appropriate, include sketches or photos that clearly depict those measures put into practice.

Examples may include:

- Submerging suspended gear and associated product at a depth sufficient to deter roosting for two weeks before harvest
- Attaching physical deterrents (i.e. zip ties) to gear
- The site is proposed for the culture of seed only
- The site is proposed for the culture of adductor-only scallops (i.e. no other shellfish species would be grown on the site)
- Proposed gear would always be suspended below the surface of the water at a depth sufficient to deter roosting (i.e. as is common for scallop lantern nets)

To deter birds we will attach zip ties to any cages we would be harvesting from along their pontoons. These zip ties would act as “ticklers” to prevent the birds from comfortably roosting on the gear. This was an idea referenced in the following document <https://ecsga.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Bird-deterrents-April-2022.pdf>

10. NOISE AND LIGHT

A. Please describe how the proposed expansion activities would affect the noise and light emitted from your current lease.

Noise emitted would be admitted only by the outboard of our 19ft Carolina work skiff. The skiff is used daily to travel around the lease tending to the farm. The lease doesn't currently involve light at any level. Our piers are not lit up at night and we don't work after dark for safety reasons.

11. ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERIZATION

Directions: Using your knowledge of the area, describe the environment of the proposed expansion. Be sure to include units of measurement in your answers (i.e. feet, cm/s).

A. What are the approximate depths at mean low water within the proposed expansion?
Mean low water starting on the side closest to the south pound wall is roughly 2 feet. The mean low water increases to 8 feet on the far end of the proposed expansion of the lease. Observed 3/3/2025 from a skiff with a marked rope
B. What are the approximate depths at mean high water within the proposed expansion?
Mean high water would range from 14 feet to 20 feet from the South pound wall moving outward to the far end of the proposed lease border. Observed 3/3/2025 from a skiff with a marked rope
C. What are the bottom characteristics within the proposed expansion (mud, sand, gravel, rock, ledge or some mix, etc.)?
The bottom is entirely made up of mud with some sand and gravel as you move closer to the old mussel bed on the original lease. Observed 3/5/2025 by scuba diving
D. Describe the bottom topography (flat, steep rough, etc.).
The bottom is relatively flat with a slight increase in depth as you move closer to the center of the channel. Observed 3/5/2025 by scuba diving
E. Describe marine organisms within the expansion by species or common names. Based on your personal observations or other sources of information, are these species abundant, common, or rare?
There isn't much at all. The bottom is barren mud with some occasional hermit crabs, green crabs, barnacles (on the occasional rock). Tunicates are found on old discarded ropes. Observed 8/9/24, 3/5/2025 by scuba diving
F. Describe the presence and extent of submerged aquatic vegetation, i.e. eelgrass, within the proposed lease area. Please include the date of this observation along with the method of observation. If submerged aquatic vegetation is observed, please also describe the abundance below and sketch the limits of the beds in the vicinity map.
There wasn't any submerged aquatic vegetation observed within the proposed borders of the lease. An updated survey would reflect this. Observed 8/9/24, 3/5/2025 by scuba diving

G. Is your proposed lease located within a Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife designated Essential Habitat?

☐ Yes ☒ No

12. EXISTING USES

A. Describe the existing uses of the proposed expansion (i.e. fishing, sailing, etc.).

Currently none, it's too shallow and muddy for lobster traps. In the summer, kayakers are seen travelling the far side of the channel. Images in this document show a boat mooring when satellite imaging was taken. This mooring is no longer present.

B. Describe any effects your proposed expansion might have on existing uses of the area.

By placing cages there in close proximity to the southern lobster pound structure, boats would not be able to travel along the lobster pound during a peak high tide. Due to the shallow profile of the area boats currently only travel the existing channel that runs alongside Oar island that has a suitable depth for boat travel most of the tide cycle. Kayakers wouldn't be affected.

13. RIPARIAN LANDOWNERS AND SITE ACCESS

Is your existing lease or proposed expansion 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 proposed lease site. 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 and proposed expansion

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 and/or the proposed expansion. Have the tax collector or clerk of the municipality certify the riparian list.

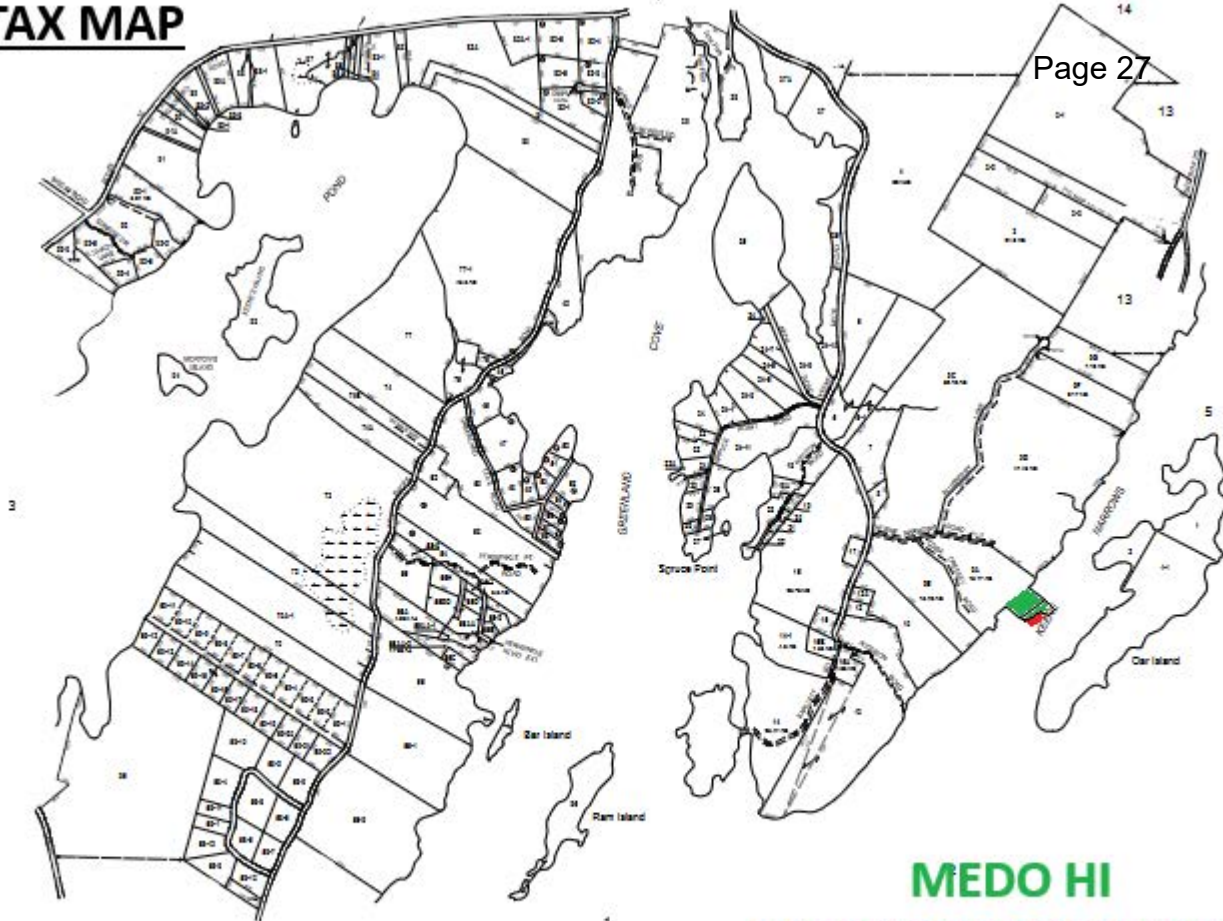
C. **Intertidal Land.**

Is any portion of the proposed lease site above mean low water?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Note: If you selected yes, please complete the permission requirements included in section “Landowner/Municipal Permission Requirements”.

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MEDO HI PROPOSED EXPANSION

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 proposed expanded 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: Bremen -- 04551

MAP #	LOT #	Landowner name(s) and address(es)
4	1-1	Anne Wesson 8 Farwell Av. Cumberland Ctr. ME 04021
4	1	Laurence Wesson 625 Cranstone Lane Blue Bell, PA 19422
4	2	New England College 7 Main St. Henniker, NH 03242
4	9E	Kieve Affective Education P.O. Box 169 Nobleboro, ME 04555
4	9D	Untitled Fantastic LLC 30 Kent Street #901 Brooklyn NY 11222
4	9A	Community Shellfish 656 Waldoboro Rd. PO Box 106 (Lease Applicant) Bremen, ME 04551
4	10	Lincoln Audubon Society 225 Varick Inc St. 7th Floor New York, New York 10014

Please use additional sheets if necessary and attach hereto.

CERTIFICATION

I, Melanie Pendleton, Town Clerk for the Town of Bremen 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:

Melanie Pendleton DATE: January 23, 2025

14. ESCROW ACCOUNT OR PERFORMANCE BOND

Check the category that describes the entirety of your proposed expanded operation, including your original lease:

Check Here	Lease Category	Amount of Required Escrow or Performance Bond
	No gear/structure, no discharge	None
	No gear/structure, discharge	\$500.00
	≤ 400 square feet of gear/structure, no discharge	\$1,500.00
*	>400 square feet of gear/structure, no discharge	\$5,000.00*
	Gear/Structure, discharge	\$25,000.00

*DMR may increase the bond/escrow requirements for leases with more than 2,000 square feet of structure.

Will your proposed expansion alter your current lease category?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Note: If yes, your current escrow account or performance bond must be amended to reflect the revised amount if your proposed expansion is issued.

I, (*printed name of applicant*) _____ have read DMR Aquaculture Regulations 2.40(2)(A) and if this proposed expansion is granted by DMR I will amend my current escrow account or performance bond to reflect the amount determined by the lease category.

Applicant Signature

Note: Add title if signing on behalf of a corporate applicant.

Date

ADDITIONAL APPLICANTS: Each applicant must sign this section indicating that they will amend their escrow account or obtain a performance bond if necessary. Use the space below for additional persons listed on the application. You may attach additional pages, if necessary.

I, (*printed name of applicant*) _____ have read DMR Aquaculture Regulations 2.40(2)(A) and if this proposed expansion is granted by DMR I will amend my current escrow account or performance bond to reflect the amount determined by the lease category.

Applicant Signature

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Date

15. APPLICANT SIGNATURE PAGE

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 aquaculture lease expansion process.

Printed name: John B. Marsh

Title (*if corporate applicant*): _____

Signature:  ||| Date: 7/25/2025

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 (i.e. President, Treasurer, etc.) of the individual(s) signing on the company's behalf.

ADDITIONAL APPLICANTS

Printed name: _____

Title (*if corporate applicant*): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

16. LANDOWNER/MUNCIPAL PERMISSION REQUIREMENTS (if applicable)

Directions: If any portion of the proposed expansion is intertidal you need to complete the steps outlined below.

Step I: Obtain written permission from all intertidal landowners.

Pursuant to 2.10(3)(G) the Department requires *written permission of every owner of intertidal land in, on, or over which the expanded lease activity will occur*. It is your responsibility to obtain written permission and include it with your application materials. Please note that the Department does not provide forms for landowner permission.

Step II: Determine if the municipality where your site is located has a shellfish conservation program.

Pursuant to 12 MRSA §6072(3) *In any municipality with a shellfish conservation program under section 6671, the Commissioner may not lease areas in the **intertidal zone** within the municipality without the consent of the municipal officers.*

If the municipality where the proposed lease site is located has a shellfish conservation program, it is your responsibility to obtain consent for the proposed expanded lease site from the municipal officers (i.e. the selectmen or councilors of the town, or the mayor and aldermen or councilors of a city.) Consent means a majority vote of the municipal officers as recorded in a public meeting.

It is your responsibility to contact the municipality and determine if they have a shellfish conservation program. Best practices would include discussing your plans with shellfish committee members, but only the consent of municipal officers is required.

1. Does the municipality, where the proposed site is located, have a shellfish conservation program? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you answered yes, please attach documentation from a public meeting demonstrating that a majority of municipal officers have consented to your proposal.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

Please note: This checklist is provided for the applicant's reference and does not need to be returned with the application.

I. Content

_____ **Check** for non-refundable application fee (\$500.00 for non-discharge leases/\$2000 for discharge leases), payable to *Treasurer State of Maine*.

_____ **One (1) Vicinity map** with required items shown

_____ **One (1) Boundary drawing** with required items shown

_____ **One (1) Coordinate description** with required items shown

_____ **One (1) Gear drawing** for each new type of gear proposed

_____ **One (1) Overhead view** depicting layout of gear from overhead

_____ **One (1) Cross section view** depicting gear & moorings from the side for each gear configuration in the proposed expansion

_____ **Tax map(s)** (*if applicable*)

_____ **Riparian list**, certified (*if applicable*)

_____ **Corporate applicant information document** and articles of incorporation or documentation of partnership (*if applicable*)

If any portion of the proposed lease expansion is above mean low water:

_____ **Written permission** from all riparian landowners of the intertidal land on which the expansion is proposed.

_____ **Written consent** from the municipal officers (only required if the municipality has a shellfish conservation program).

II. Formatting

_____ All pages (including attachments) are numbered sequentially.

_____ All attachments are clearly labeled and legible.

_____ Drawings and maps are legible, labeled properly, and include all required elements.

_____ All questions have been answered and signature pages signed.



JANET T. MILLS
GOVERNOR

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

PATRICK C. KELIHER
COMMISSIONER

Aquaculture Communication Consent Form

Instructions:

- This form must be completed and submitted to DMR by the lease or license applicant.
- Completed forms must be emailed to: DMRaquaculture@maine.gov
- Questions must be directed to DMRaquaculture@maine.gov or 207-350-7815

Acknowledgement:

By submitting this form, I understand that I am authorizing the entity or person(s) listed below to discuss my aquaculture application(s) with Department staff for purposes of assisting with the submission of my proposal.

I understand that I am responsible for complying with all laws and rules governing application processing and the person(s) or entity listed below are not authorized to otherwise act on my behalf.

I understand that the Aquaculture Division is not responsible for the communications between me and the third party concerning my application or otherwise facilitating such communications.

If I decide to revoke this permission, I understand that I must notify the Aquaculture Division in writing via email.

Name of lease or license applicant (as it appears on the proposal):	Community Shellfish Co. LLC
Type of Application(s):	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lease Application <input type="checkbox"/> LPA Application
Name of person(s) or entity authorized to discuss the proposal(s):	Robert Cuddy

Applicant Signature: JB Marsh III
Date: 3/9/2025



MAINE DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES

Aquaculture Division, 21 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0021 (207) 624-6567

CORPORATE APPLICANT FORM **For Standard and Experimental Aquaculture Lease Applications**

Corporations or partnerships that apply for aquaculture leases in the State of Maine must complete this form. Corporations must submit information as requested under A. Corporate Applicant. Partnerships must submit information as requested under B. Partnership Applicant.

A. Corporate Applicant

Note: You must attach a copy of the Articles of Incorporation (Inc.) or Certificate of Formation (LLC) to your application.

1. Name of Corporation: ____ Community Shellfish Company LLC _____

2. Date of incorporation: ____ 9/15/2007 ____ State of incorporation: ____ Maine ____

3. List the names, addresses, and titles of all officers:

Name	Address	Title
John B. Marsh III	41 Blueberry La Bremen, ME 04551	Sole Member

Please use additional sheets if necessary and attach to the application.

4. List the names and addresses of all directors/members:

Name	Address
John B. Marsh III	41 Blueberry La Bremen, Maine 04551

Please use additional sheets if necessary and attach to the application.

5. Has the corporation, or any stockholder, director, or officer applied for an aquaculture lease for Maine lands in the past? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If you selected “yes,” please indicate who applied for the lease and the status of the application or lease.

6. List the names and addresses of all stockholders who own or control at least 5% of the outstanding stock and the percentage of outstanding stock currently owned or controlled by each stockholder.

Name	Address N/A	Percentage of Owned Stock
	N/A	

Please use additional sheets if necessary and attach to the application.

7. List the names and addresses of stockholders, directors, or officers owning an interest, either directly or beneficially, in any other Maine aquaculture leases, as well as the quantity of acreage from existing aquaculture leases attributed to each such person based on the percentage of owned stock listed in question 6. If none, write, “None.”

Name	Address	Lease Acronym	Acreage
	N/A		

Please use additional sheets if necessary and attach to the application.

8. Has the corporation or any officer, director, member, or shareholder listed in item 5 above ever been arrested, indicted, convicted of, or adjudicated to be responsible for any violation of any marine resources or environmental protection law, whether state or federal?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If you selected “yes”, please provide details.

B. Partnership Applicant

Note: You must attach a copy of either the Certificate of Limited Partnership or documentation of the formation of a General Partnership to your application.

1. Name of Partnership: _____

2. Date of formation: _____ State of partnership: _____

3. List the names, addresses, and ownership shares of all partners:

Name	Address	Ownership Shares

Please use additional sheets if necessary and attach to the application.

4. Has the partnership, or any partner applied for an aquaculture lease for Maine lands in the past? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If you selected “yes,” please indicate who applied for the lease and the status of the application or lease.

5. List the names and addresses of any partner owning an interest, either directly or beneficially, in any other Maine aquaculture leases, as well as the quantity of acreage from existing aquaculture leases attributed to each such person, based on their ownership shares from question 3.

Name	Address	Lease Acronym	Acreage
	N/A		

Please use additional sheets if necessary and attach to the application.

6. Has the partnership or any partner been arrested, indicted or convicted of or adjudicated to be responsible for any violation of marine resources or environmental protection law, whether State or Federal?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If you selected “yes”, please provide details.

DOMESTIC
LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
STATE OF MAINE
ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF
LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

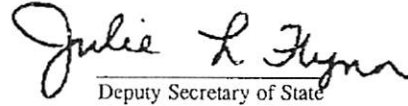
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- ☐ This is a professional limited liability company** formed pursuant to 13 MRSA Chapter 22-A to provide the following professional services:

(type of professional services)

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09/19/2007


Deputy Secretary of State

A True Copy When Attested By Signature


Deputy Secretary of State

Pursuant to 31 MRSA §622, the undersigned executes and delivers the following Articles of Organization of Limited Liability Company:

FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is

Ecohouse LLC

(The name must contain one of the following "Limited Liability Company", "L L C " or "LLC", 31 MRSA §603-A 1)

SECOND: The name of its Registered Agent, an individual Maine resident or a corporation, foreign or domestic, authorized to do business or carry on activities in Maine, and the address of the registered office shall be

John J. Lynch, Esq

(name)

19 Vine Street, Damariscotta, ME 04543

(physical location - street (not P O Box), city, state and zip code)

P.O. Box 6, Damariscotta, ME 04543

(mailing address if different from above)

THIRD: ("X" one box only)



A. The management of the company is vested in a member or members.



B 1. The management of the company is vested in a manager or managers. The minimum number shall be _____ managers and the maximum number shall be _____ managers

2 If the initial managers have been selected, the name and business, residence or mailing address of each manager is

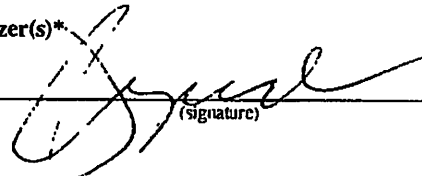
Name

Address

☐ Names and addresses of additional managers are attached hereto as Exhibit _____, and made a part hereof

FOURTH: Other provisions of these articles, if any, that the members determine to include are set forth in Exhibit _____ attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Organizer(s)*


 (signature)

 (signature)

 (signature)

DATED September 18, 2007John J. Lynch, Esq

(type or print name)

(type or print name)

(type or print name)

For Organizer(s) which are Entities

Name of Entity _____

By _____
 (authorized signature) (type or print name and capacity)

Name of Entity _____

By _____
 (authorized signature) (type or print name and capacity)

Name of Entity _____

By _____
 (authorized signature) (type or print name and capacity)

Acceptance of Appointment of Registered Agent

The undersigned hereby accepts the appointment as registered agent for the above-named limited liability company

Registered Agent


 (signature)

DATED September 18, 2007John J. Lynch, Esq

(type or print name)

For Registered Agent which is a Corporation

Name of Corporation _____

By _____
 (authorized signature) (type or print name and capacity)

Note: If the registered agent does not sign, Form MLLC-18 (31 MRSA §607 2) must accompany this document

**Examples of professional service corporations are accountants, attorneys, chiropractors, dentists, registered nurses and veterinarians. (This is not an inclusive list - see 13 MRSA §723.7)

*Articles MUST be signed by:

- (1) all organizers OR
- (2) any duly authorized person

The execution of this certificate constitutes an oath or affirmation under the penalties of false swearing under 17-A MRSA §453.

Please remit your payment made payable to the Maine Secretary of State

SUBMIT COMPLETED FORMS TO: CORPORATE EXAMINING SECTION, SECRETARY OF STATE,
 101 STATE HOUSE STATION, AUGUSTA, ME 04333-0101

LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

STATE OF MAINE

CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT
(for a Maine LLC)Ecohouse, LLC

(Name of Limited Liability Company)

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 03/06/2017

Julie H. Flynn
 Deputy Secretary of State

A True Copy When Attested By Signature

Julie H. Flynn
 Deputy Secretary of State

Pursuant to 31 MRSA §1532, the undersigned limited liability company executes and delivers for filing this certificate of amendment:

FIRST: The name of the limited liability company has been changed to (if no change, so indicate)

Community Shellfish Company, LLC

(A limited liability company name must contain the words "limited liability company" or "limited company" or the abbreviation "LLC," "LLC," "L.C." or "LC" or, in the case of a low-profit limited liability company, "L3C" or "L3c" - see 31 MRSA 1508)

SECOND: The date of filing of the initial certificate of formation: September 19, 2007
 (date)

THIRD: Designation as a low profit LLC (Check only if applicable):

☐ This is a low-profit limited liability company pursuant to 31 MRSA §1611 meeting all qualifications set forth here:

- A. The company intends to qualify as a low-profit limited liability company;
- B. The company must at all times significantly further the accomplishment of one or more of the charitable or educational purposes within the meaning of Section 170(c)(2)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as it may be amended, revised or succeeded, and must list the specific charitable or educational purposes the company will further;
- C. No significant purpose of the company is the production of income or the appreciation of property. The fact that a person produces significant income or capital appreciation is not, in the absence of other factors, conclusive evidence of a significant purpose involving the production of income or the appreciation of property; and
- D. No purpose of the company is to accomplish one or more political or legislative purpose within the meaning of Section 170(c)(2)(D) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or its successor.

FOURTH: Designation as a professional limited liability company (Check only if applicable)

☐ This is a professional limited liability company* formed pursuant to 13 MRSA Chapter 22-A to provide the following professional services:

 (type of professional services)

FIFTH: Complete only if there is a change to the registered agent information.

The Registered Agent is a: (select either a Commercial or Noncommercial Registered Agent)

☐ Commercial Registered Agent CRA Public Number: _____

 (Name of commercial registered agent)

☐ Noncommercial Registered Agent

 (Name of noncommercial registered agent)

 (physical location, not P.O. Box – street, city, state and zip code)

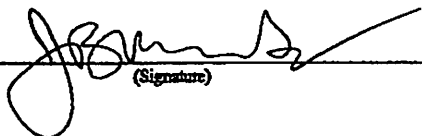
 (mailing address if different from above)

SIXTH: Pursuant to 5 MRSA §§105.2 or 108.3, the registered agent listed above has consented to serve as the registered agent for this limited liability company.

SEVENTH: Other changes this certificate of amendment makes to the certificate of formation as most recently amended or restated are set forth in Exhibit ____ attached and made a part hereof.

****Authorized person(s)**

Dated 3/1/17


(Signature)

John B. Marsh, III, Sole Member
(Type or print name and capacity)

(Signature)

(Type or print name and capacity)

***Examples of professional service limited liability companies are accountants, attorneys, chiropractors, dentists, registered nurses and veterinarians. (This is not an inclusive list – see 13 MRSA §723.7)**

****Pursuant to 31 MRSA §1676.1, this Certificate of Amendment MUST be signed by a person authorized by the limited liability company.**

The execution of this certificate constitutes an oath or affirmation under the penalties of false swearing under 17-A MRSA §453.

Please remit your payment made payable to the Maine Secretary of State.

Submit completed form to:

**Secretary of State
Division of Corporations, UCC and Commissions
101 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0101
Telephone Inquiries: (207) 624-7752**

Email Inquiries: CEC.Corporations@Maine.gov