



APPLICATION FOR LEASE RENEWAL



Lease Acronym	Harp DH
Name of Leaseholder	Quahog Bay Conservancy
Name of Contact Person	David Hunter
Address	286 Bethel Point Rd
City	Harpswell
State, Zip	Maine, 04079
Telephone	(207)522-1105
Email	Dave@sserv.org
Term Requested	10 Year

1. Describe the type and amount of aquaculture to be conducted during the new lease term:
<p>The farm will be continuing with American Oysters in the same quantity that we have in the last few years (Roughly 200,000-400,000). During the new lease term we do not plan to exceed our capability to reach 1.5 million oysters. The lease has also been approved for the cultivation of Marine Algae for species including Sugar Kelp (<i>Saccharina latissimi</i>), Skinny Kelp (<i>Saccharina angustissima</i>), and Winged Kelp (<i>Alaria esculenta</i>). A maximum of 20,000 feet of grow lines with the minimum of 100 sporophytes per foot of seed string=1M organisms.</p>

2. Describe the amount of aquaculture conducted on the lease site during the previous lease term, including but not limited to seeding, cultivation or harvest of organisms:

Harp DH lease is currently being used to cultivate American Oysters (*Crassostrea virginica*). In addition, the lease has been approved for the cultivation of marine algae such as Sugar kelp (*Saccharina latissimi*), Skinny Kelp(*Saccharina angustissima*), and Winged kelp (*Alaria esculenta*). The lease has cultivated on average around 200,000-400,000 oysters per year. We receive our seed of roughly 125,000 oysters per year in late June to early July.

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

Examples may include:

- Suspended gear submerged at depth sufficient to deter roosting for at least two weeks before harvest
- Attaching physical deterrents (i.e. zip ties) to gear
- The lease site is used to culture shellfish seed only
- Only adductor-only shellfish are cultured on the lease site

Physical deterrent: An OysterGro Hawk Kite system on a stick is located on a moored cage to the south of the Oyster lease
Oysters are submerged two weeks prior to harvest.

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, according to NOAA charts)?

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

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. Refer to the Riparian Determination guidance document to ensure all riparian landowners are included: <https://www.maine.gov/dmr/aquaculture/forms/documents/RiparianDetermination.pdf>

C. Check for \$1500 application fee

Signature of Leaseholder: 

Date: 11/25/2025

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:

MAP #	LOT #	Landowner name(s) and address(es)
36	2	Bowdoin College Trustees 6700 College Station, Brunswick, ME 04011
36	12	Benjamin Swanson 99 Reach Rd, Harpswell, ME 04079

Please use additional sheets if necessary and attach hereto.**CERTIFICATION**

I, Catherine Dougherty, Town Clerk for the Town of HARPSWELL, 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 Catherine Dougherty DATE: 10-28-2025