

EXPERIMENTAL LEASE APPLICATION**1. APPLICANT INFORMATION****A. CONTACT PERSON**

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B. MAILING ADDRESS

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City:	Brunswick
State:	ME
Zip Code:	04011

C. PHYSICAL ADDRESS☒ Same as mailing address

Street Address:	
City:	
State:	
Zip Code:	

D. PAYMENT METHOD

☐ Check ☒ Credit Card
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E. PRE-APPLICATION MEETING

Date the meeting was held:	4/28/26
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F. PENDING APPLICATIONS

How many pending experimental lease applications (including this one) do you have pending?	☒ One (1) ☐ Two (2) <i>Note: An applicant may have no more than two pending experimental leases at any time.</i>
Do you have a legal interest in any entity that has a pending experimental application?	☐ Yes ☒ No
If yes, provide the name of the applicant(s):	N/A

2. PROPOSAL INFORMATION

A. LOCATION OF PROPOSED LEASE SITE

Town:	Brunswick
County:	Cumberland
Waterbody:	New Meadows River
General Description:	Woodward Cove

B. PROPOSED LEASE INFORMATION

Total Acreage Requested:	4
Lease Term Requested:	3
Type of Culture: (Check all that apply)	☒ Suspended (gear in the water and/or on the bottom) ☒ Bottom (no gear)

C. INTERTIDAL SITE

Is any portion of the proposed lease site above mean low water?	☒ Yes ☐ No
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If you checked 'yes' you will need to complete section 11(J) of this application.

D. RESEARCH PROGRAM

Type of Study: (Check one)	☐ Scientific Research ☒ Commercial Research
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What is the purpose of the study? If scientific, please include a detailed study design.
The primary purpose of this study is to test commercial scale intertidal production of hard clams. The effects of mesh size, stocking density, and tidal height will be considered. Additional research may include seed settlement in bags, biodegradable mesh testing, softshell clam, surf clam, and oyster growout.

3. INTERAGENCY REVIEW INFORMATION

Lease applications are reviewed by other state and federal agencies. The questions below are intended to assist them with the review of your application.

A. Is the proposed lease site located within any of the following habitat designations/areas? Check all that apply.

- ☐ Essential Habitat (includes Roseate Tern habitat and Piping Plover/Least Tern habitat)
☐ Shorebird Area
☒ Tidal Waterfowl and Wading Bird Habitat

B. Provide the water depth at mean high water.

At mean high water the north end of the proposal is in approximately 9' of water and approximately 11' of water at the south end of the proposal.

C. Provide the water depth at mean low water.

At mean low water the north end of the proposal is approximately 1' above the mean low water mark, and the south end of the proposal is approximately 1' below the mean low water mark.

D. Are you proposing to use any suspended gear?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, will the gear be submerged (below the surface of the water) at all tidal stages?

☐ Yes ☒ No

E. Are you proposing predator netting?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, what is the mesh size?

4 mm

If yes, what is the twine size?

1 mm

F. Is the proposal within 1,000 feet of any of the following? Check all that apply. If you select one or more boxes you also need to provide the requested information that follows.

- ☐ Docking facility owned by federal, state, or municipal governments
☐ Beach owned by federal, state, or municipal governments

Provide the name of the docking facility and/or beach:

N/A

Proximity of the respective property to the proposed lease site in feet:	
N/A	
Select which level of government owns the respective property:	
☐ Federal ☐ State ☐ Municipal	
Provide the name of the government entity that owns the respective property:	N/A

G. Is any portion of the proposal within a marked navigational channel?	
☐ Yes ☒ No	
If no, how far is the proposal from the nearest marked navigational channel? Provide the distance in feet.	2,5001'

H. Is the proposed site within 1,000 feet of any federal navigation project or anchorage?	
☐ Yes ☒ No	
If yes, identify the project or anchorage:	N/A

I. Will your operations discharge anything into the water such as feed (pellets, kelp, etc.) or chemical additives (therapeutants, chemical treatments, etc.)?	
☐ Yes ☒ No	

4. ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERIZATION

The observations for all categories except ice formation must be based on an assessment conducted between April 1 and November 15, dates inclusive. Observation dates outside this timeframe will not be accepted.

A. Describe the observed bottom characteristics of the proposed lease site:	The northern 70% of the proposed area is a soft mud while the southern 30% is mostly shell hash and harder mud. There are a couple of streams that transect the area at low tide. These streams are wider at the southern end and narrower at the northern end. There is a gradually decrease in elevation from the north to the south side of the lease. The mud is flat and the shell hash is rough.
Date of Observation:	06/01/2010-06/01/2026
B. Provide the speed of current:	2 knots
Date of Observation:	06/01/2010-06/01/2026
C. Provide the direction of current:	North/South
Date of Observation:	06/01/2010-06/01/2026
D. Describe the fauna (animals) you have observed in the area:	1. Green crab, personal observation, common 2. Moon snail, personal observation, rare 3. Blue mussel, personal observation, common 4. Softshell clam, personal observation, rare 5. Hard clam, personal observation, rare 6. American oyster, personal observation, common. We discarded these several years ago around our dock. Other American oysters within the lease boundary are rare. 7. Periwinkle, personal observation, common 8. Mud snail, personal observation, abundant 9. Razor clam, personal, rare 10. Horseshoe crab, personal observation, common 11. Bloodworm, personal observation, common 12. Sandworm, personal observation, common 13. Barnacles, personal observation, common 14. Atlantic silverside, personal observation, abundant 15. Atlantic herring, personal observation, rare 16. Menhaden, personal observation, common 17. Striped bass, personal observation, common 18. Sand shrimp, personal observation, abundant 19. Mummichog, personal observation, common 20. Atlantic mackerel, personal observation, rare 21. Harbor seal, personal observation, rare 22. Grey seal, personal observation, rare

Date of Observation:	06/01/2010-06/01/2026
E. Describe the flora (plants) you have observed in the area:	1. Rockweed, personal observation, abundant 2. Bladderwrack, personal observation, common 3. Sea Lettuce, personal observation, rare 4. Irish Moss, personal observation, rare 5. Phytoplankton, personal observation, abundant 6. Saltmarsh cordgrass, personal observation, common around edge of marsh
Date of Observation:	06/01/2010-06/01/2026

F. Have you observed eelgrass within the boundaries of the proposed site?	☐ Yes ☒ No
Date of Observation:	06/01/2010-06/01/2026
Method of Observation:	Walking across site at low tide
G. Have you observed eelgrass within 1,000 feet of the proposed site?	☐ Yes ☒ No
Date of Observation:	06/01/2010-06/01/2026
Method of Observation:	Walking across site at low tide, scuba diving subtidal waters

H. Describe ice formation during the winter months within the proposed lease boundaries. The description needs to include data such as water temperature or ice out date over a 10 ten-year period or at least 5 years of observations from the harbormaster, shellfish warden, harbor committee, Marine Patrol Officer, or fishing community. Stating “no ice observed” will not be accepted as an answer.
Ice out dates: 2026: 3/14, 2025: 3/4, 2024: No sea ice, 2023: No sea ice, 2022: No sea ice, 2021: 2/18, 2020: No sea ice, 2019: 3/6, 2018: 2/24, 2017: 3/11

5. SOURCE OF STOCK AND WATER QUALITY

A. SPECIES AND SOURCE OF STOCK

Please use the applicable tables below to list all species you intend to cultivate on the proposed site.

1. Source of Stock: Approved Shellfish Hatchery or Non-Shellfish Stock List

If you are sourcing from an approved hatchery or entity included on the non-shellfish stock list (maintained by DMR), please use the table below.

	Common Name	Latin Name	Name of Source	Stocking Density
1.	Hard clam	<i>Mercenaria mercenaria</i>	1. MUSCONGUS BAY AQUACULTURE 2. MERRYMEETING SHELLFISH COMPANY	20 per square ft
2.	Softshell clam	<i>Mya arenaria</i>	1. DOWNEAST INSTITUTE	20 per square ft
3.	American oyster	<i>Crassostrea virginica</i>	1. MUSCONGUS BAY AQUACULTURE 2. MERRYMEETING SHELLFISH COMPANY 3. DOWNEAST INSTITUTE 4. MOOK SEA FARM	10 per square ft
4.	Atlantic Surf Clam	<i>Spisula solidissima</i>	1. MERRYMEETING SHELLFISH COMPANY	20 per square ft

2. Source of Stock: Other Aquaculture Site(s)

If you are sourcing from another aquaculture site in coastal waters please complete the table below.

	Common Name	Latin Name	Aquaculture Site ID	Water Body	Original Point of Origin	Stocking Density
1.	Hard clam	<i>Mercenaria mercenaria</i>	NMR CI	New Meadows River	Approved hatchery	20 per square ft
2.	American oyster	<i>Crassostrea virginica</i>	NMR CI	New Meadows River	Approved hatchery	20 per square ft

3. Source of Stock: Wild Stock

If you are collecting marine organisms from Maine's coastal waters for deployment on the proposed site complete the table below.

	Common Name	Latin Name	Waterbody Collected From	Name of Licensed Harvester	Stocking Density
1.	Softshell clam	<i>Mya arenaria</i>	New Meadows River	Maxwell Burtis	20 per square ft

4. Scallops

Do you intend to possess whole or roe-on scallops?	☐ Yes ☒ No
If you answered 'yes' please be aware that biotoxin testing will have to be conducted on a regular basis at your expense. Please contact the Bureau of Public Health to discuss your plans at the following email: DMRPublicHealthDiv@maine.gov	

B. GROWING AREA CLASSIFICATION

Growing Area Designation	WL
Growing Area Classification	☒ Approved ☐ Conditionally Approved ☐ Restricted ☐ Conditionally Restricted ☐ Prohibited
If you are proposing to grow molluscan shellfish in waters classified as anything other than open/approved, you must contact: DMRPublicHealthDiv@maine.gov	

C. BIRD DETERRENTS

To comply with the National Shellfish Sanitation Program (NSSP) Model Ordinance (MO), DMR is requiring that applications for 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. Use the space below to list your mitigation or deterrent measures:

No suspended culture is proposed.

6. PROPOSED OPERATIONS

A. CULTIVATION METHODS AND GEAR

1. How will you culture marine organisms?	☐ Gear ☐ Bottom planting only (no gear proposed) ☒ Combination: Both gear and free planting
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2. Gear and Moorings Table

Use the table below to list all gear, longlines, moorings, and buoys that will be deployed within the boundaries of the proposed lease site.

Gear/Mooring Type	Dimensions	Dates of deployment	Maximum number deployed on site	Color	Species that will be grown using this gear type
Soft mesh bag with rebar	4' x 4'	Year-round	4194	Grey, black, blue, brown, or green	Hard clam, Surf Clam
Predator netting	14' x 20'	Spring, Summer, and Fall	440	Grey, black, blue, brown, or green	Softshell clam, hard clam, surf clam
Toggle buoy	3.5" x 5.4"	Spring, Summer, and Fall	4400	Grey, black, blue, brown, or green	All
Marker buoy	6" x 13"	Year-round	8	Yellow	All
Cinder block	8" x 8" x 16"	Year-round	8	Grey	All
Line	3/8" x 14'	Year-round	8	Grey, black, blue, brown, or green	All
5-gal bucket with pet screen on top	12" x 15"	Year-round	25	Grey, black, blue, brown, or green	Softshell clam
PVC pipe with pet screen on top	4" x 18"	Year-round	25	Grey, black, blue, brown, or green	Softshell clam

Cut 55-gal drum with pet screen on top	18"x23"	Year-round	25	Grey, black, blue, brown, or green	Softshell clam
Fish tote with pet screen on top	31.5"x 18.3"x 11.5"	Year-round	25	Grey, black, blue, brown, or green	Softshell clam

3. If you are also free planting, please provide the following:

List all species that would be free planted	Hard clam, softshell clam, American oyster, and Atlantic surf clam.
Describe the areas of the proposed site where free planting would occur. If it is the entire site, specify accordingly.	Entire site

4. On Site Activity

At maximum capacity, which days of the week do you anticipate being on the site?	Every day
At maximum capacity, what is the earliest time of day you would start work on the site?	12:00 am
At maximum capacity, what is the latest time you would end work on the site?	12:00 pm
What months will seeding occur?	April-December
What is the maximum number of days it will take to seed the site?	50
Describe tending and maintenance activities:	• May–October: Regular maintenance to remove fouling and check predator nets and bags during active growth months. • November–April: Minimal tending, except to inspect predator nets and bags after storms or ice events.

What months will harvesting occur?	Year-round
How will you harvest each species? If you are using a drag, provide the dimensions.	1. Hard Clams (<i>Mercenaria mercenaria</i>): Hard clams may be harvested manually from a boat using bull rakes designed to penetrate the substrate and lift clams into the boat. Raking is performed during high tide when the substrate is covered with water, ensuring minimal disturbance to surrounding habitat. The hard clams may also be hand-dug using clam hoes or gloved hand at low tide or emptied from soft mesh bags. 2. Softshell Clams (<i>Mya arenaria</i>): Softshell clams will be harvested by digging into the sediment using clam hoes during low tide. 3. American Oysters (<i>Crassostrea virginica</i>): American oysters may be bull raked during high tide or picked up by hand during low tide from the surface of the substrate. 4. Atlantic Surf Clam (<i>Spisula solidissima</i>): Atlantic surf clams may be bull raked during high tide, picked up by hand during low tide from the surface of the substrate, or emptied from soft mesh bags. No Dragging Proposed: For this lease manual methods will be employed to minimize environmental impacts and comply with DMR Chapter 10.01, Prohibitions on dredging for quahogs on the New Meadows River.

5. Seasonality

Are there any seasonal changes to gear deployment?	☒ Yes ☐ No
If yes, please describe:	Predator nets may be removed and stored at 9 Pinefields Ln, Brunswick. Approximate dates for the removal and reinstallation of netting are December 31 st and March 31 st , respectively. Product will be overwintered in situ.

B. MOTORIZED EQUIPMENT AND LIGHTING

1. Are you proposing to use motorized equipment on the proposed lease?	☐ Yes ☒ No
2. Are any of the noise sources fixed?	☐ Yes ☒ No
3. If yes, describe your plan to direct the noise from residences or areas of routine use on adjacent land:	N/A
4. Does any of the equipment contain exterior lighting?	☐ Yes ☒ No
5. Describe the measures taken to ensure that exterior lighting on the equipment only illuminates the target area and reduces glare:	N/A
6. Describe the measures taken to mitigate light impacts from equipment:	N/A
7. Are you proposing to use a generator?	☐ Yes ☒ No
8. What is the generator used for?	N/A
9. What type of fuel does the generator take?	☐ Gasoline ☐ Diesel ☐ Other. Please specify:

10. Which months would you use the generator? If year-round, specify accordingly.	N/A
11. What is the maximum number of days the generator would be used each year?	N/A
12. Which days of the week will the generator be used?	N/A
13. What are the maximum hours a day the generator would be used?	N/A
14. Do you intend to use a generator designed to mitigate noise?	☐ Yes ☒ No
15. What measures will you take to mitigate noise from the generator?	N/A

16. Motorized Equipment Table

Use the table below to list each piece of motorized equipment (excluding vessels) that is proposed and answer the associated questions. Attach additional answers as necessary.

1. Equipment Name	N/A
What is the piece of equipment used for?	N/A
Select the color(s) of this piece of equipment.	☐ Grays ☐ Blacks ☐ Browns ☐ Blues ☐ Greens ☐ Other Please specify:
Does the piece of equipment have any exterior lights?	☐ Yes ☒ No
How is this piece of equipment powered?	N/A
Which months would this piece of motorized	N/A

equipment be used? If year round, specify accordingly.	
What is the maximum number of days that this piece of motorized equipment would be used?	N/A
Which days of the week would this of motorized equipment be used?	N/A
What are the maximum hours a day that this piece of motorized equipment would be used?	N/A
What measures would be taken to mitigate noise from this piece of equipment?	N/A
2. Equipment Name	N/A
What is the equipment used for?	N/A
Select the color(s) of this piece of equipment.	☐ Grays ☐ Blacks ☐ Browns ☐ Blues ☐ Greens ☐ Other Please specify:
Does the piece of equipment have any exterior lights?	☐ Yes ☒ No
How is this piece of equipment powered?	N/A
Which months would this piece of motorized equipment be used? If year round, specify accordingly.	N/A
What is the maximum number of days that this piece of motorized equipment would be used?	N/A
Which days of the week would this of	

motorized equipment be used?	N/A
What are the maximum hours a day that this piece of motorized equipment would be used?	N/A
What measures would be taken to mitigate noise from this piece of equipment?	N/A
3. Equipment Name	N/A
What is the equipment used for?	N/A
Select the color(s) of this piece of equipment.	☐ Grays ☐ Blacks ☐ Browns ☐ Blues ☐ Greens ☐ Other Please specify:
Does this piece of equipment have any exterior lights?	☐ Yes ☒ No
How is this piece of equipment powered?	N/A
Which months would this piece of motorized equipment be used? If year round, specify accordingly.	N/A
What is the maximum number of days that this piece of motorized equipment would be used?	N/A
Which days of the week would this of motorized equipment be used?	N/A
What are the maximum hours a day that this piece of motorized equipment would be used?	N/A
What measures would be taken to mitigate noise from this piece of equipment?	N/A

C. FLOATING STRUCTURES

1. Are you proposing any of the following? Check all that apply.	☐ Work Float ☐ Barge ☐ Other structure. Please specify: ☒ Not proposing floating structure
2. Which months will the structure be within	N/A

the boundaries of the proposed site?	
3. Describe the purpose of the structure:	N/A
4. Provide the length and width in feet:	N/A
5. Provide the height as measured from the water line:	N/A
6. Provide the construction materials:	N/A
7. Select the color:	☐ Grays ☐ Blacks ☐ Browns ☐ Blues ☐ Greens ☐ Other Please specify:
8. Does the structure contain exterior lighting?	☐ Yes ☒ No
9. Describe the measures taken to ensure that exterior lighting on the structure only illuminates the target area and reduces glare:	N/A
10. What measures would you take to mitigate light impacts from the structure?	N/A

D. BUILDINGS

1. Are you proposing a shed, building or other similar structure?	☐ Yes ☒ No
If yes, what is the building, shed, or similar structure used for?	N/A
2. What are the maximum number of days it would be within the boundaries of the site each year? If year-round specify accordingly.	N/A
3. Provide the length and width in feet.	N/A
4. What is the height (in feet) as measured from the waterline?	N/A
5. Describe the roofing materials. They cannot be reflective or glossy.	N/A
6. Describe the siding materials. They cannot	N/A

be reflective or glossy.	
7. Select the color of the building.	☐ Grays ☐ Blacks ☐ Browns ☐ Blues ☐ Greens ☐ Other Please specify:
8. What measures would you take to minimize visual impacts as viewed from the water?	N/A

E. VESSELS

1. Vessels Table

Use the table below to provide required information about the vessel(s) that may service the proposed site.

	Type of Vessel	Engine type and HP:	Vessel Length in feet:	Height in feet as measured from the waterline:	How many days of the year would the vessel service the site?	How many hours each day would the vessel be on the site?
1.	Outboard skiff	5-90 hp four stroke outboard	10-20'	1-5'	150	12
2.	Outboard skiff	90-150 hp four stroke outboard	20-30'	1-12	150	12

2. From where will the service vessels be launched? Check all that apply. ☒ Public boat launch ☒ Private property owned by the applicant ☒ Other. Please specify: Private property not owned by the applicant

3. Are you storing petroleum products on the proposed site?	☐ Yes ☒ No
If yes, you need to attach a spill prevention and control plan to this application.	

7. EXISTING USES

This section asks questions about the activities you have personally observed in the area.

A. COMMERCIAL NAVIGATION

1. When did you complete your observations of commercial vessel navigation in the area? Include the month(s) and year(s).	
Month(s): All	Year(s): 2010-2026
2. What types of commercial vessels did you observe navigating in the area?	
Float/dock installation/removal boats Striped bass guides	
3. What was the approximate length of the commercial vessels you observed?	
Float/dock installation/removal boats: 20-28' Striped bass guides: 16-20'	
4. How many commercial vessels did you observe navigating in the area?	
Float/dock installation/removal boats: 4 different boats Striped bass guides: 3 different boats	
5. Did any commercial vessels transit through the boundaries of the proposed site?	
☒ Yes ☐ No If yes, how many commercial vessels transited through the boundaries: 1 Float/dock installation/removal boat	
6. What is the typical direction of commercial vessel traffic?	
North/south	

B. RECREATIONAL NAVIGATION

1. When did you complete your observations of recreational vessel navigation in the area? Include the month(s) and year(s).	
Month(s): All	Year(s): 2010-2026
2. What types of recreational vessels did you observe navigating in the area?	
Sailboats and motorboats.	
3. What were the approximate size of the recreational vessels you observed?	
Our sailboat (22') and motorboats (14-34')	
4. How many recreational vessels did you observe navigating in the area?	

We sail our 22' sailboat during high tide from our mooring (#NM253) which is about 870' southeast of the southeast corner of the proposal to our dock which is about 25' west of the proposal. We have observed motorboats, 14-35 in length navigating "Chuck's Hole", roughly 830' southwest of the proposal, twice per week on average from June to October.
5. Did any recreational vessels transit through the boundaries of the proposed site? ☒ Yes ☐ No If yes, how many recreational vessels transited through the boundaries: 1 vessel per week on average from June-October transits through the boundaries at high tide.
6. What is the typical direction of recreational vessel traffic? North/South

C. MOORINGS

1. When did you complete your observations of moorings in the area? Include the month(s) and year(s).	
Month(s): All	Year(s): 2010-2026
2. Are there any moorings within the vicinity of the proposed lease site?	☒ Yes ☐ No
3. How many moorings are within 1,000 feet of the proposed site?	1
4. What type of vessels utilize the moorings? Check all that apply.	☐ Commercial ☒ Recreational
5. What is the distance (in feet) from the proposed lease site to the closest observed mooring?	870
6. What is the length (in feet) of the vessel that utilizes this mooring?	22

D. COMMERCIAL FISHING

1. When did you complete your observations of commercial fishing in the area? Include the month(s) and year(s).	
Month(s): All	Year(s): 2010-2026
The following questions are specific to commercial fishing that may occur within the boundaries of the proposed site.	
2. Does any commercial fishing occur within the boundaries of the proposed site?	☐ Yes ☒ No

3. List the type of commercial fishing that occurs within the boundaries of the proposed site.	No commercial fishing occurs within the boundaries of the proposed site.
4. What months does commercial fishing activity occur within the boundaries of the proposed site?	N/A
5. How many people commercially fish within the boundaries of the proposed lease area?	N/A
The following questions are specific to commercial fishing that may occur within the vicinity of the proposed site.	
6. Does any commercial fishing occur within the vicinity of the proposed site?	☒ Yes ☐ No
7. List the type of commercial fishing that occurs within the vicinity of the proposed site.	Menhaden fishing, lobstering, worming, clamming
8. What months does commercial fishing activity occur within the vicinity of the proposed site?	Year round
9. How many people commercially fish in the vicinity of the proposed site?	We have observed two menhaden boats travel within 1000' of the proposal in search of fish, but we have never observed them setting a net there. The nearest net sets have been observed roughly 2500' east of the proposal. The nearest lobster fishing occurs in "Chuck's Hole", which is the closest deep water to the proposal, roughly 830' southwest of the proposal. 2-4 traps hauled every 2-7 days. By 2-4 boats from June to November. In the past 16 years, we have observed wormers harvest near the proposal. Sometimes 1-2 wormers will dig for a week of consecutive low tides, and sometimes only for one tide at a time. In the past six years, no worming has been observed. The closest worm digging has been observed 750' to the north of the site. We observed about five tides of clam harvesting by two harvesters immediately east of the proposal about 12 years ago and no clamming in the surrounding area has been observed since then except for the following: The nearest active clam flat is 70' west of the north end of the proposal in an unnamed cove. This cove is small and is harvested on average

	two tides per year by one harvester. About 1500' to the north of the northern boundary of the proposal is the "Big Bull Pen", a clam flat that is harvested multiple times per week from May to September and approximately weekly on average during the off season by multiple harvesters. The "Little Bull Pen" is a cove 1000' to the east of the proposal. It receives approximately ¼ as much pressure as the "Big Bull Pen" with the same seasonality. Approximately 1300' south-southwest of the southwest corner of the proposal is another small unnamed cove that has supported one harvester for roughly five tides per year.
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E. RECREATIONAL FISHING

1. When did you complete your observations of recreational fishing in the area?	
Include the month(s) and year(s).	
Month(s): All	Year(s): 2010-2026
The following questions are specific to recreational fishing that may occur within the boundaries of the proposed site.	
2. Does any recreational fishing occur within the boundaries of the proposed site?	☒ Yes ☐ No
3. List the type of recreational fishing that occurs within the boundaries of the proposed site.	The applicant fishes for striped bass
4. What months does recreational fishing activity occur within the boundaries of the proposed site?	May-September
5. How many people recreationally fish within the boundaries of the proposed lease area?	1
The following questions are specific to recreational fishing that may occur within the vicinity of the proposed site.	
6. Does any recreational fishing occur within the vicinity of the proposed site?	☒ Yes ☐ No
7. List the type of recreational fishing that occurs within the vicinity of the proposed site.	Striped bass
8. What months does recreational fishing activity occur within the vicinity of the proposed site?	May-September
9. How many people recreationally fish in the vicinity of the proposed site?	We have observed 2-4 people fishing weekly for striped bass off the Woodward Pt. preserve

	trail which is about 1270' east-southeast of the southeast corner of the proposal. Daily fishing by 2-4 boats occurs in the Gurnet Straight which is about 3500' south of the proposal and in the navigation channel which runs 2100' east of the proposal between the western shore of the New Meadows River and a sandbar called the "Middle Ground". 2-3 fishermen also circumnavigate Upper Coombs Island weekly on average during high tide, 1000'ft Southeast of the proposal.
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F. RIPARIAN INGRESS AND EGRESS

1. When did you complete your observations of riparian ingress and egress in the area? Include the month(s) and year(s).	
Month(s): All	Year(s): 2010-2026
2. Describe the shoreline in the vicinity of the lease proposal.	
The shoreline is rocky with rockweed.	
3. Have you observed any riparian owned vessel(s) accessing the shoreline?	☒ Yes ☐ No
4. What type of vessel(s) did you observe?	We dock motor and sailboats which draw 2' or less. Kenneth and Rebecca Hawkins and their guests dock their motorboat, a fiberglass center console drawing about 2', twice/month on average on their dock. James and Ruth Wilson and their guests put in 1-2 kayaks, roughly once per month on average on their dock. Lisa Troup and Melissa Brame dock a fiberglass center console drawing about 2' and previously an aluminum skiff which draws about 1ft, once per month on average. Michael and Dorothy Jones and their guests take a Boston Whaler to and from their dock about twice per month on average. The Whaler draws about 1'.
5. Describe the length (in feet) of the vessel(s).	Our boats are 19-24' Kenneth and Rebecca Hawkins' boat is about 22'. James and Ruth Wilson's kayaks are about 12'. Lisa Troup and Melissa Brame's center console is about 22' and their aluminum skiff is about 14'. Michael and Dorothy Jones' Whaler is about 16' in length.
6. Describe the surrounding uplands in the vicinity of the lease proposal.	
The upland to the west is sparsely forested residential, while the upland to the east is a former cattle pasture, now a nature preserve with a line of trees along the shore.	

G. DOCKS

1. Are there any docks in the area?	☒ Yes ☐ No
2. If yes, how many are within 1,000 feet of the proposed site?	4
3. Have you observed any vessels accessing or secured to the docks?	☒ Yes ☐ No
4. If yes, what is the length (in feet) of the vessels observed?	Our boats are 19-24' Kenneth and Rebecca Hawkins' boat is about 22'. James and Ruth Wilson's kayaks are about 12'. Lisa Troup and Melissa Brame's center console is about 22' and their aluminum skiff is about 14'. Michael and Dorothy Jones' Whaler is about 16' in length.
5. What is the distance (in feet) from the proposed lease site to the closest observed dock?	About 25' (the applicant's dock).

H. OTHER WATER RELATED USES

Do any of the following activities occur within the vicinity of the proposed site? Check all that apply and answer the associated questions.			
Activity	Month(s) of Observation	How many persons or vessels were engaged in the activity?	Location
☒ Kayaking	June-Oct	1-4 Kayaks per month	☒ Within the proposal boundaries ☒ Within the vicinity of the proposed site.
☒ Swimming	June-Sept	2-3 people per month (usually the applicant)	☒ Within the proposal boundaries ☒ Within the vicinity of the proposed site
☒ Other. Please specify: Paddleboarding Sculling	May-Oct	1 paddleboard per month in the vicinity 1 rowing scull per month on average within the proposal boundaries or within the vicinity	☒ Within the proposal boundaries ☒ Within the vicinity of the proposed site.

I. OTHER AQUACULTURE SITES

1. Limited Purpose Aquaculture (LPA) License(s)

Are there any LPA licenses within the boundaries of the proposed site?	No
If yes, provide the LPA site ID(s)	N/A
Are there any LPA sites within 1,000 feet of the boundaries of the proposed site?	No
If yes, provide the LPA site ID(s)	N/A

2. Experimental Aquaculture Lease(s)

Is any portion of an experimental lease within the boundaries of the proposed site?	No
If yes, provide the experimental lease site ID	N/A
Is there an experimental lease within 1,000 feet of the boundaries of the proposed site?	No
If yes, provide the experimental lease site ID	N/A

3. Standard Aquaculture Lease(s)

Is any portion of a standard lease within the boundaries of the proposed site?	No
If yes, provide the standard lease site ID	N/A
Is there a standard lease within 1,000 feet of the boundaries of the proposed site?	No
If yes, provide the standard lease site ID	N/A

8. OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY

This section asks questions about technical capability, compliance history, and estimated costs.

A. TECHNICAL CAPABILITY

Do you or any other applicant hold existing aquaculture sites?	☒ Yes ☐ No		
If yes, please complete the table below for each aquaculture site held. Please attach additional entries as necessary.			
Name of Holder	Type of Site	Site ID	Acreage (if a lease). Do not provide a size for LPA sites.
Ferda Farms LLC	☐ Experimental ☒ Standard ☐ LPA	NMR CI	2.4
Christopher Burtis	☐ Experimental ☐ Standard ☒ LPA	CBUR626	N/A
Christopher Burtis	☐ Experimental ☐ Standard ☒ LPA	CBUR726	N/A
Christopher Burtis	☐ Experimental ☐ Standard ☒ LPA	CBUR826	N/A
Christopher Burtis	☐ Experimental ☐ Standard ☒ LPA	CBUR526	N/A

List your skills and experiences working on the water:
Max Burtis and Chris Burtis will oversee operations of this lease. Max has been digging clams and harvesting wild oysters on the New Meadows River for the past 11 years and both Chris and Max have been farming oysters on the New Meadows River for the past 8 years. Max has additional experience sterning on a lobster boat, pogie fishing, and commercial scallop diving. Chris has experience fishing commercially for oysters on the Chesapeake Bay and holds a 100-ton USCG auxiliary-sail captains license.

B. COMPLIANCE HISTORY

Have you been convicted of violating any state or federal marine resource laws?	☐ Yes ☒ No
Have you been adjudicated to be responsible for violating any state or federal marine resource laws?	☐ Yes ☒ No

C. FINANCIAL ESTIMATES

Use the space below to provide requested cost estimates of the planned aquaculture activities, if approved, as they relate to this proposal.	
Annual Lease Rent	\$400
Annual DMR Licensing Fees	\$133
Annual cost to maintain the bond or commitment amount for the escrow account	\$120/yr
Annual Equipment Costs	\$12,410
Annual Maintenance Costs	\$32,165

9. RIPARIAN LANDOWNER NOTIFICATION

Is the proposal within 1,000 feet of shorefront land (which extends to mean low water or 1,650 feet from shore, whichever is less, according to NOAA charts).	☒ Yes ☐ No
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If yes, please submit the following:

☒ Include a completed riparian landowner list. If the site is in more than one municipality, you need to submit separate lists for each town/city.

☒ Make sure the list is certified by the municipality. The person certifying the list on behalf of the municipality should review the tax records and is typically the town clerk, tax assessor, or other individual familiar with these records.

☒ Include a tax map that displays the: town name, parcels numbered clearly, legible scale, and boundaries of the proposed lease site.

RIPARIAN LANDOWNER LIST

Using municipal tax records, complete the table below for all riparian shorefront parcels within 1,000 feet of the proposed lease site. **It is the applicant's responsibility to assemble the information for the municipality to certify.** The municipality only certifies that the information is correct according to the town's tax records. Once you have completed the form, ask the municipality to complete the certification section below. Attach additional pages as necessary.

Name of Municipality:	Brunswick
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Tax Map Number	Lot Number	Name of Landowner(s)	Mailing Address (Based on municipal tax records)
37	3	Bruce and Patricia Myer	521 Gurnet Rd, Brunswick, ME 04011
37	4	Richard Knedler	PO Box 15429, Portland, ME 04112
37	6	Frank and Jane Connors	443 Gurnet Rd, Brunswick, ME 0411
37	7	Bruce and Patricia Myer	521 Gurnet Rd, Brunswick, ME 04011
37	10	Maine Coast Heritage Trust	1 Bowdoin Mill Island, Suite 201, Topsham, ME 04086
37	11	Lauren and Jonathan Agne Rathje Descendants Trust	39 Four Wheel Dr, Brunswick, ME 04011
37	61	Jon and Amy Lee	PO Box 2189, Nantucket, MA 02584
37	62	Katherine Perry	5 Leeward Cove Rd, Brunswick, ME 04011
37	63	Andrew and Maura Thomas	7 Leeward Cove Rd, Brunswick, ME 04011
37	64	Three Pines LLC C/O Peter Odell	PO Box 244, Brunswick, ME 04011
37	65	Three Pines LLC C/O Peter Odell	PO Box 244, Brunswick, ME 04011
37	72	Kenneth and Rebecca Hawkins Rebecca V Hawkins Rev Trust	3 Pinefields Ln, Brunswick, ME 04011
37	73	Rebecca Clow	5 Pinefields Ln, Brunswick, ME 04011
37	74	James and Ruth Wilson Wilson Family Wealth Trust	7 Pinefields Ln, Brunswick, ME 04011
37	75	Christopher and Matija Burtis	9 Pinefields Ln, Brunswick, ME 04011
37	76	Lisa Troup and Melissa Brame	11 Pinefields Ln, Brunswick, ME 04011
37	77	Michael and Dorothy Jones	PO Box 4554 Tubac, AZ 85646

Town Certification

By signing below, I am certifying on behalf of the municipality listed above that the names and addresses of the property owners, including the map and lot numbers, are those listed in the records of this municipality and are current as of this date.

Printed Name:	Angela Bradstreet
Signature:	Angela Bradstreet
Position:	☐ Town Clerk ☐ Town Assessor ☒ Other town official. Please specify: Asst. Assessor
Date:	3-26-26



10. SITE COORDINATES

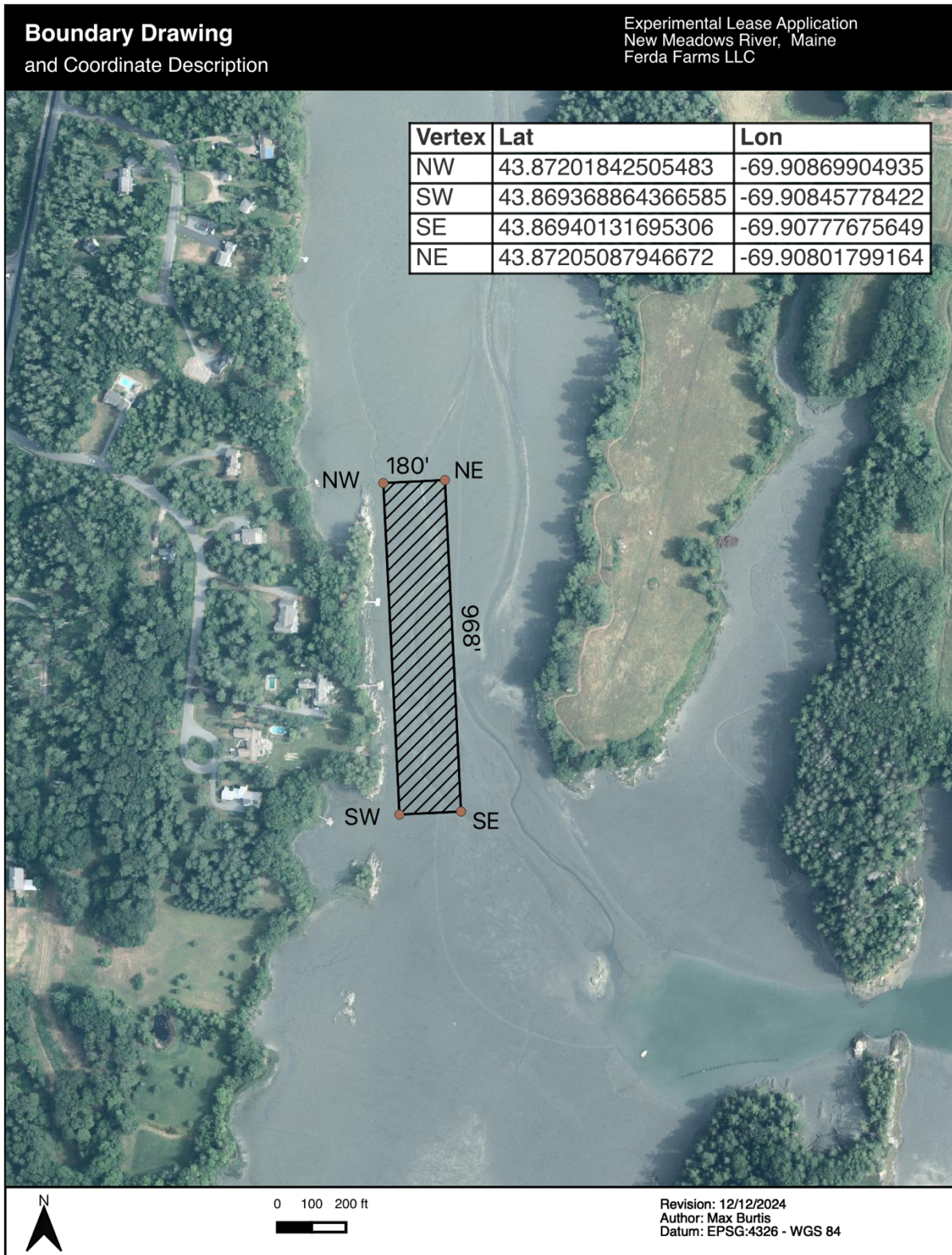
This section will ask you to provide your coordinates in decimal degrees, starting with the NW corner and proceeding clockwise. WGS-84 is the required datum.

Corner Label	Latitude (N)	Longitude (W)
1 (NW)	43.87201842505483	-69.90869904935
2 (NE)	43.87205087946672	-69.90801799164
3 (SE)	43.86940131695306	-69.90777675649
4 (SW)	43.869368864366585	-69.90845778422

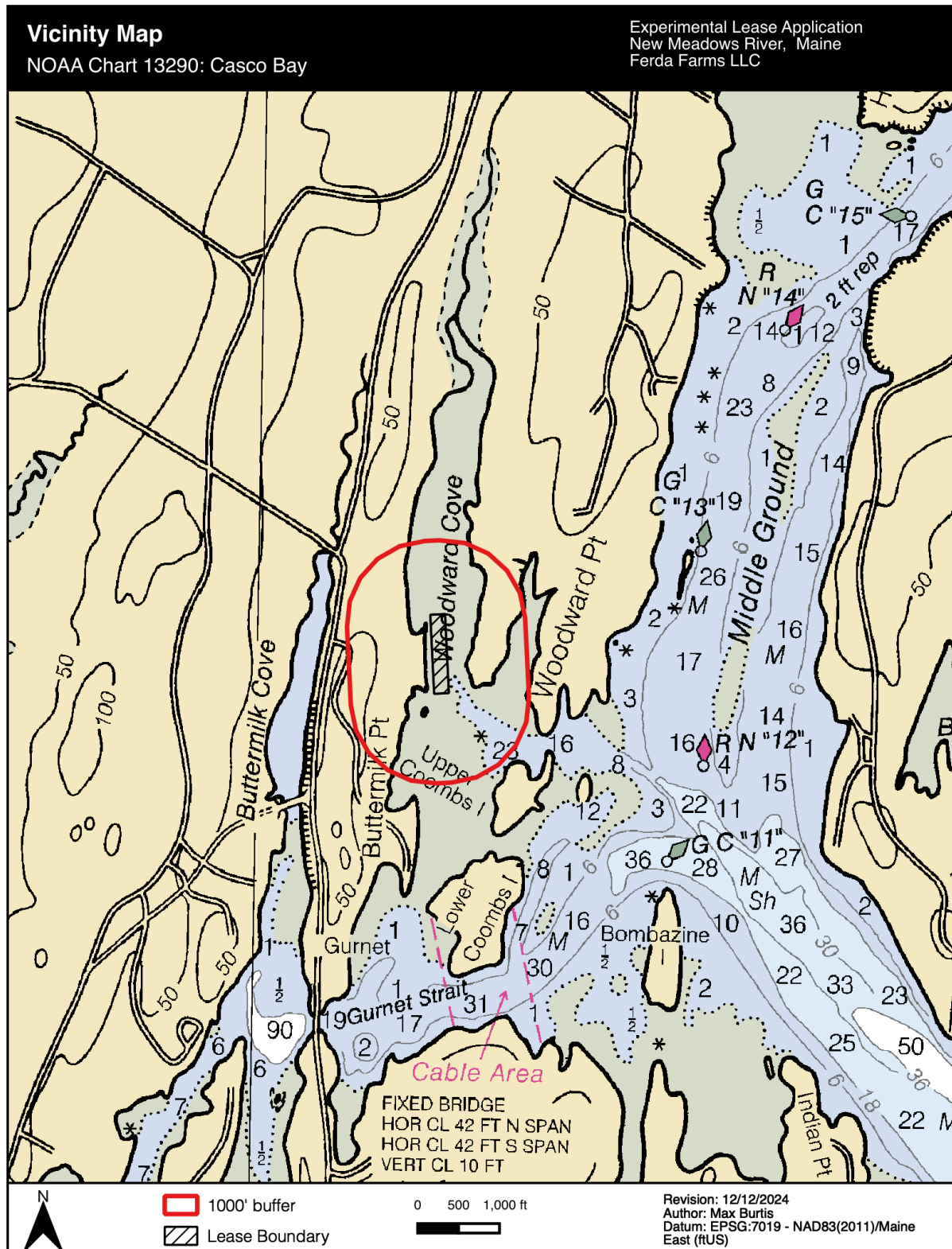
11. RENDERINGS & ATTACHMENTS

SITE LOCATION

A. BOUNDARY DRAWING



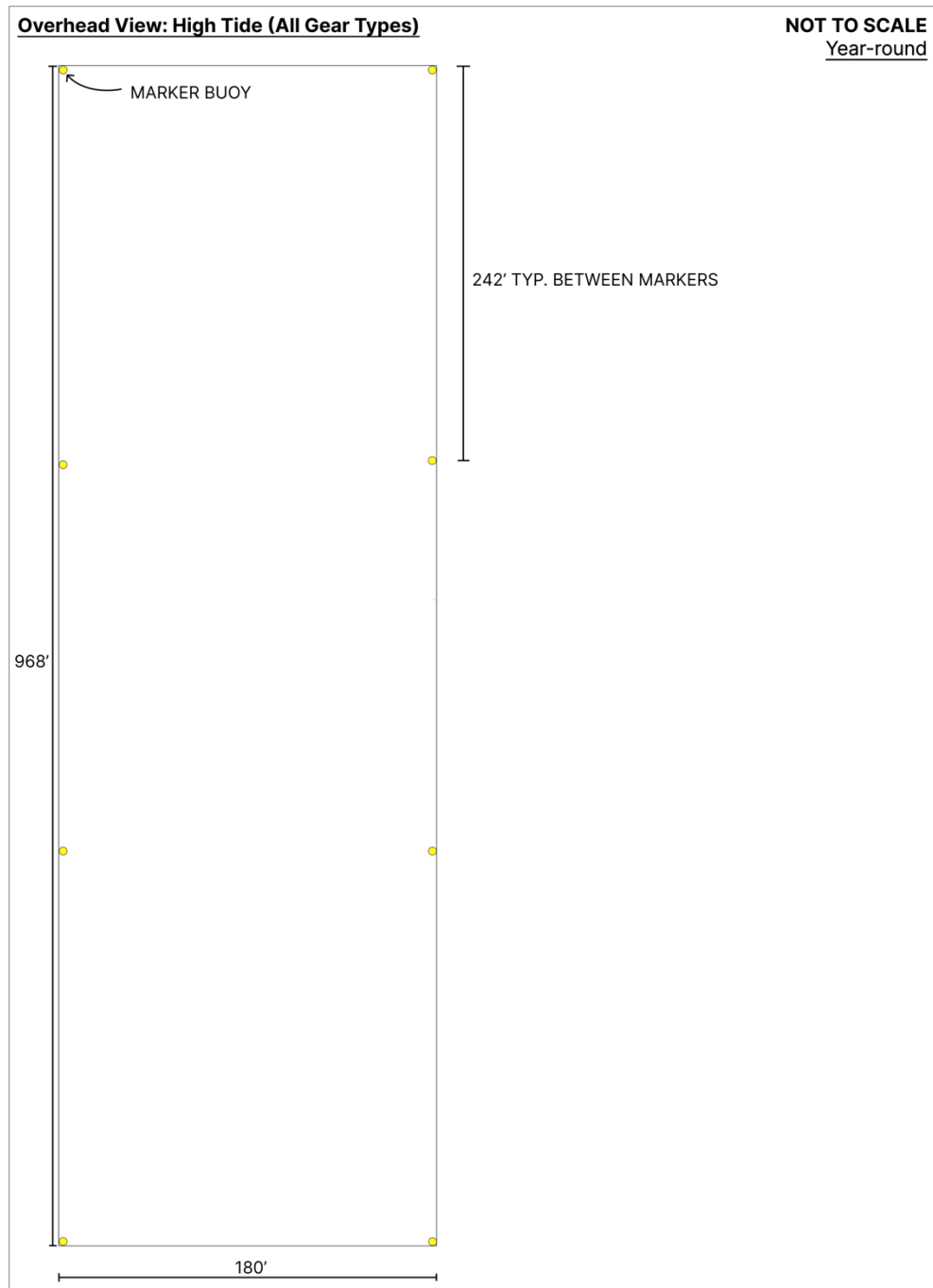
B. VICINITY MAP



GEAR SCHEMATICS

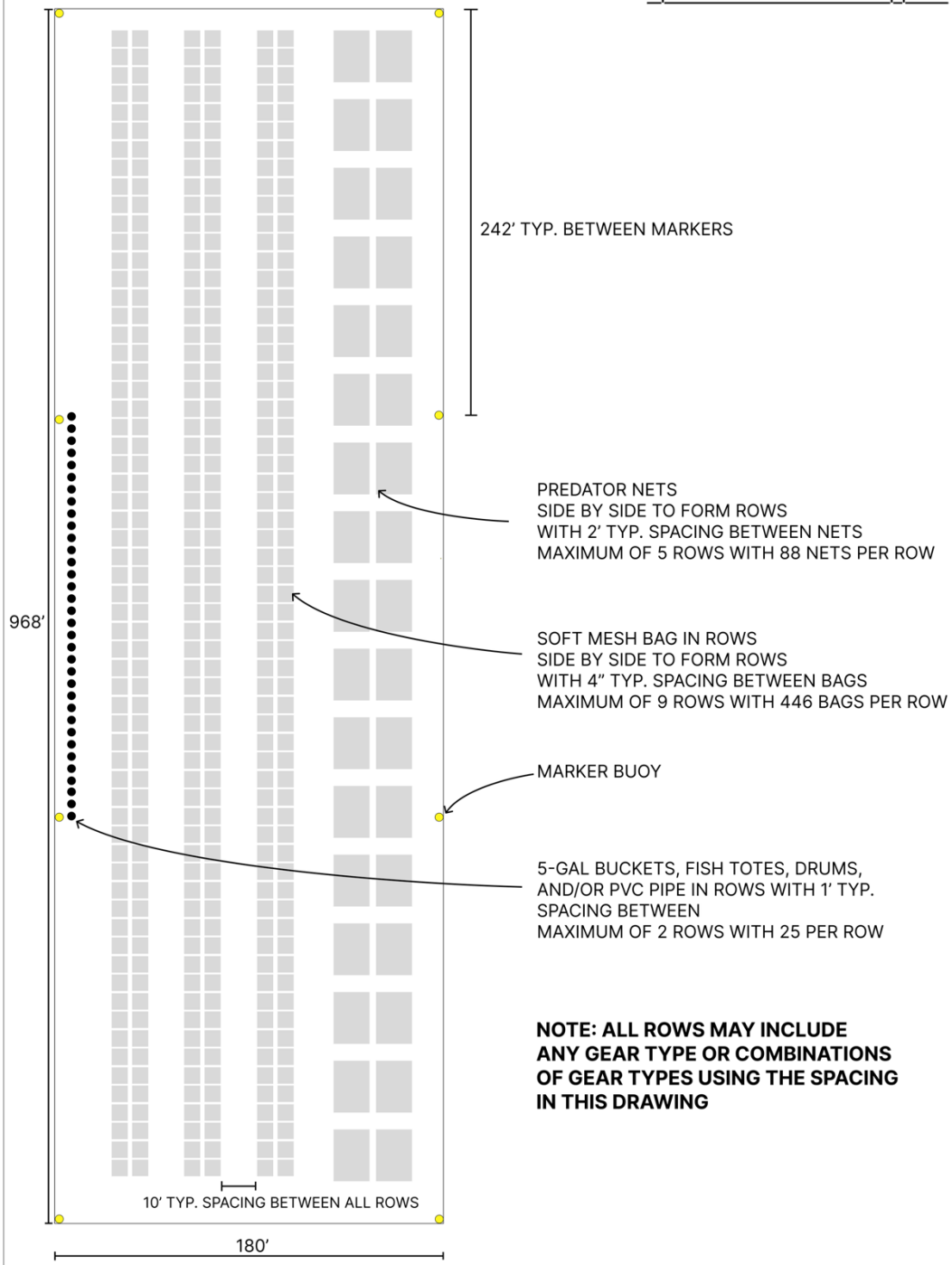
If you are proposing any gear or structure, you must provide the following renderings.

C. OVERHEAD VIEW



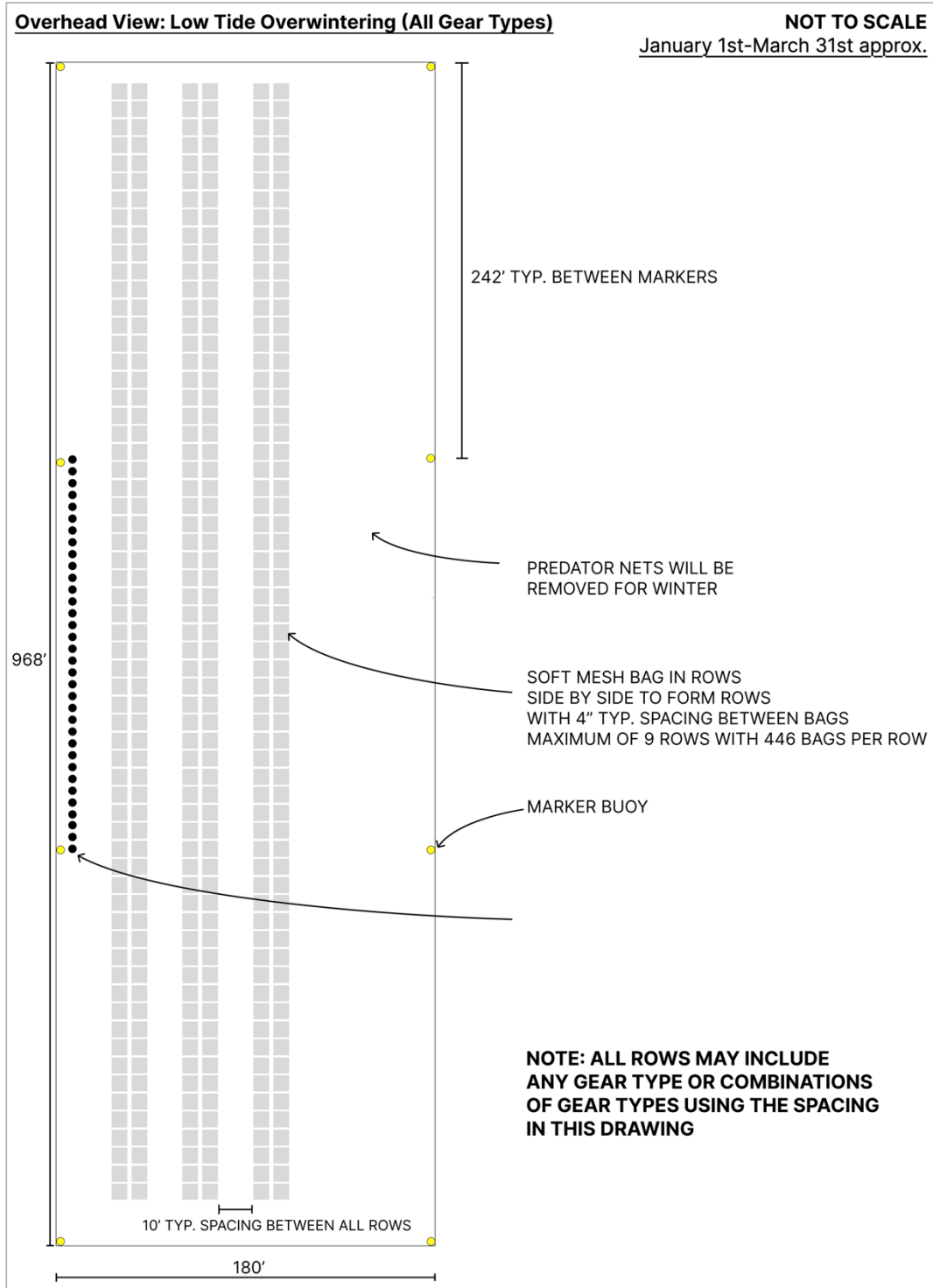
Overhead View: Low Tide Growing Season (All Gear Types)

NOT TO SCALE
April 1st-December 31st approx.



- ☒ Label the rendering 'Overhead View'
- ☒ Include the maximum layout of all gear, including moorings
- ☒ Label each gear type
- ☒ Depict the location of floats or other associated structure
- ☒ Approximate spacing between gear in feet
- ☒ Length and width of the proposed site
- ☒ Lease boundaries and the location of proposed corner markers and any additional gear markers that would be present.
- ☒ Gear orientation

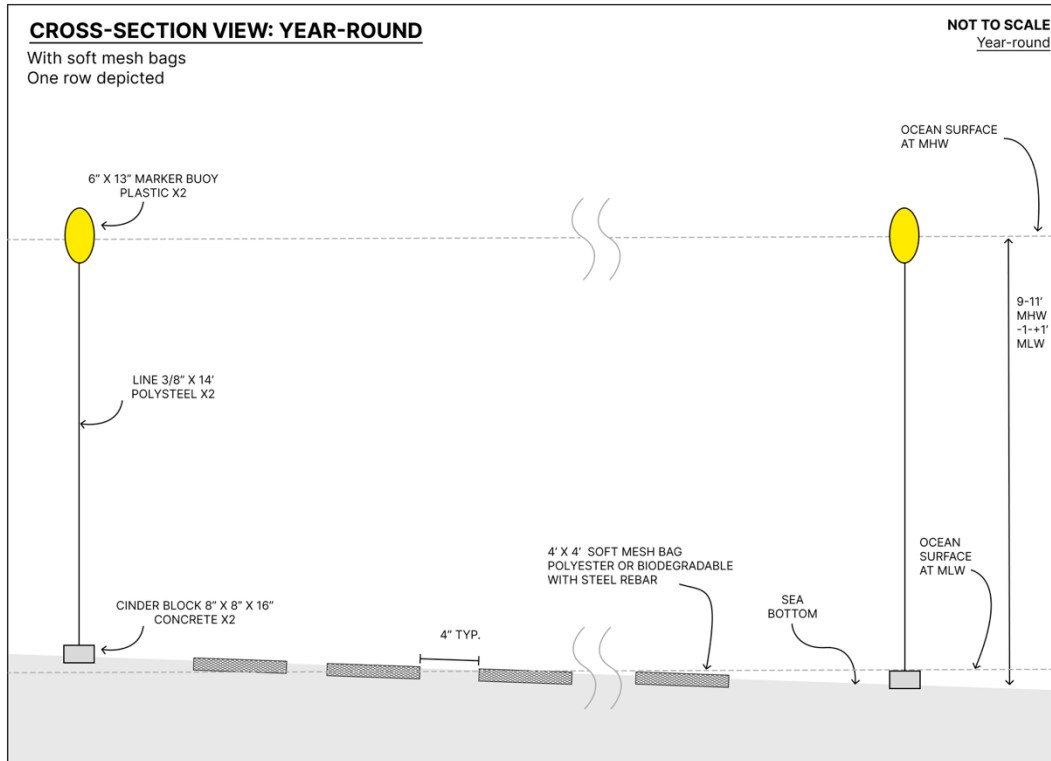
D. SEASONAL OVERHEAD VIEW

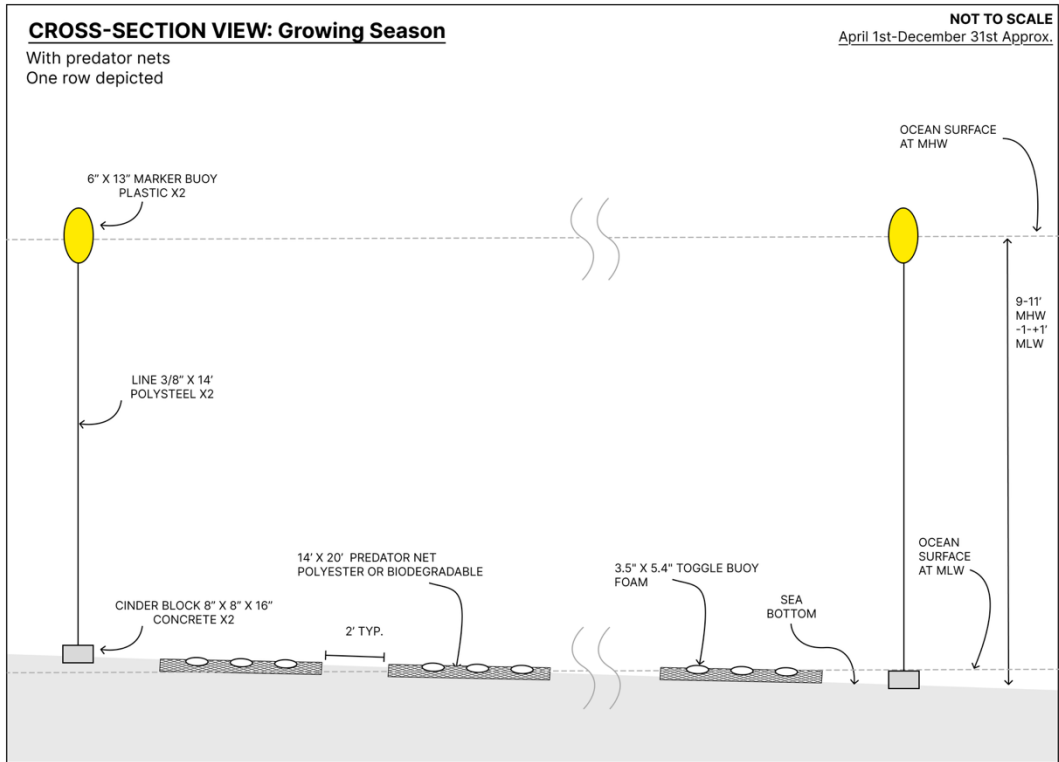


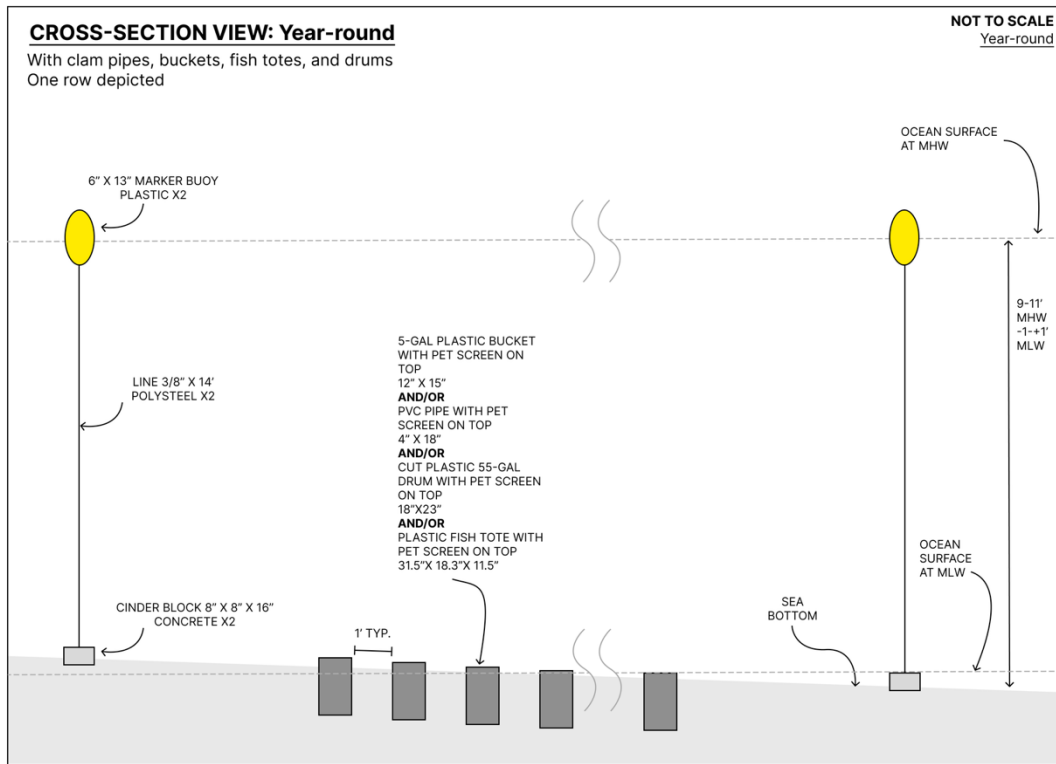
If there are seasonal changes to the gear layout (i.e. overwintering), submit an overhead view depicting the following:

- ☒ Label the rendering 'Seasonal Overhead View'
- ☒ Include the maximum layout of all gear, including moorings
- ☒ Label each gear type
- ☒ Depict the location of floats or other associated structure
- ☒ Approximate spacing between gear in feet
- ☒ Length and width of the proposed site
- ☒ Lease boundaries and the location of proposed corner markers and any additional gear markers that would be present
- ☒ Gear orientation

E. CROSS SECTION VIEW

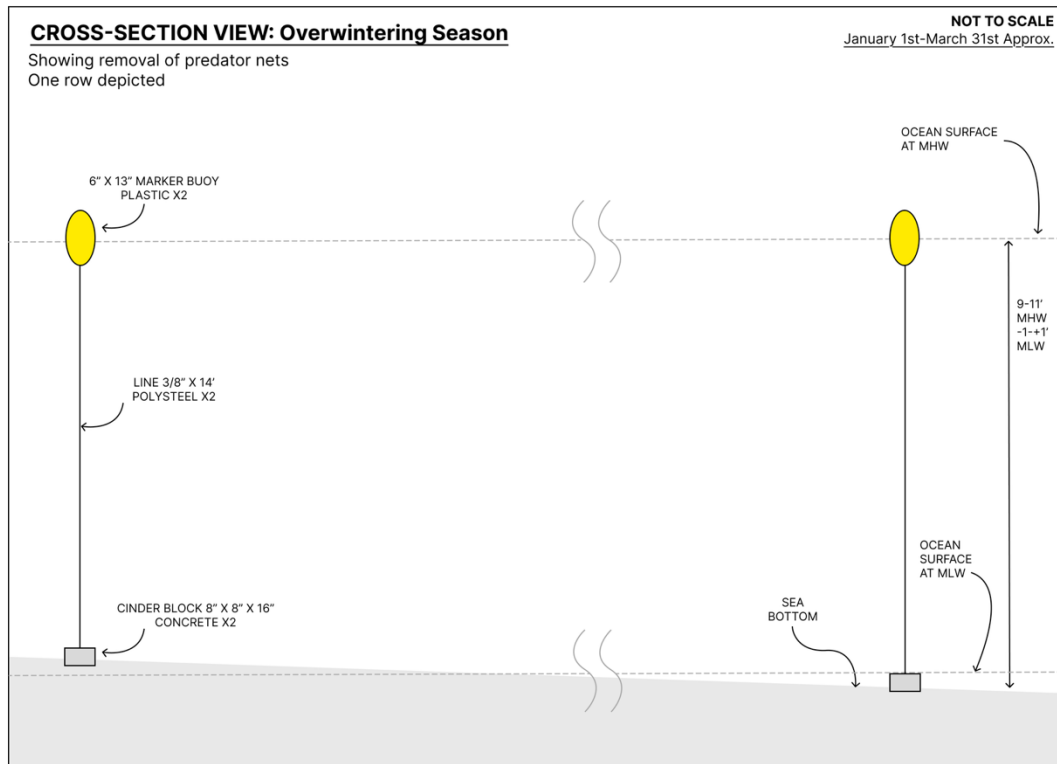






- ☒ Label the rendering ‘Cross Section View’
- ☒ Profile of gear in cross-section as it will be deployed
- ☒ Label each gear type
- ☒ Depict mooring type
- ☒ Depict mooring scope
- ☒ Depict mooring hardware
- ☒ Depict mooring line type and size
- ☒ Depict the depth of the gear in relationship to the water’s surface at both mean low water and mean high water

F. SEASONAL CROSS SECTION VIEW



If there are seasonal changes to the gear layout (i.e. overwintering), submit a cross section view depicting the following:

- ☒ Label the rendering 'Seasonal Cross Section View'
- ☒ Profile of gear in cross-section as it will be deployed
- ☒ Label each gear type
- ☒ Depict mooring type
- ☒ Depict mooring scope
- ☒ Depict mooring hardware
- ☒ Depict mooring line type and size
- ☒ Depict the depth of the gear in relationship to the water's surface at both mean low water and mean high water

G. STRUCTURE/FLOAT SCHEMATICS

Provide a schematic or photos of any structures or floats that are proposed. The schematic(s) need to include the following:

- ☐ The location of any lights (if applicable)
- ☐ Approximate location of any mechanized equipment that may be used or stored on the structure. The equipment must be labeled.

H. EQUIPMENT LAYOUT



Photo 1. Looking North (43.86858° N, 69.90789° W)



Photo 2. Looking South (43.87230° N, 69.90769° W)

☒ Provide schematic or photographic renderings of the generalized layout of the equipment as depicted from **two** vantage points on the water (i.e. what will your site look like on the water from different points)

☒ Provide the locations of the two vantage points.

OTHER ATTACHMENTS

I. OIL SPILL PREVENTION AND CONTROL PLAN

If petroleum products are stored on the proposed site, you need to attach a spill prevention and control plan. It must include the following:

☐ Procedures and control measures to prevent spills.

☐ Measures to contain, cleanup, and mitigate the effects of an oil spill that has impacted navigable waters or adjoining shorelines.

J. FINANCIAL INSTITUTION LETTERS



07/30/2026

To Whom it May Concern:

This letter serves to confirm that Max Burtis , account holder of Ferda Farms business account ending in [6099], maintains their account with Midcoast Federal Credit Union in good standing.

As of the date of this letter, the account is active and has been maintained in accordance with the terms and conditions of the institution. We are not aware of any outstanding issues that would adversely affect the status of this account.

This letter is provided at the request of the account holder for informational purposes only and should not be construed as a guarantee of future account activity or financial performance.

If you require additional information, please contact our office at 207-443-5531

Sincerely,

Brea Jones

Account Specialist II

207-443-1855

briannej@midcoastfcu.me

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☒ In accordance with regulation, you must include a letter from a financial institution indicating you have an account in good standing. If there are multiple applicants, they each submit letters.

K. INTERTIDAL SITES

If any portion of the proposed site is above mean low water, you need to provide the following under 1) and 2):

1. Landowner Written Permission

All riparian owners whose intertidal lands will be used for aquaculture need to give the applicant written permission to use intertidal lands. You need to submit this written permission with your application. DMR will not accept the application without the required permission.

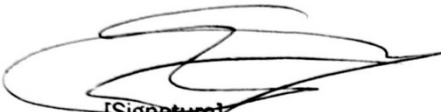
The written permission must include the following:

- ☒ The map and lot number of the parcel to which the permission applies, which needs to match what is listed on the riparian landowner list.
- ☒ The letter must include the names(s) of the landowner(s). If the parcel is held by multiple people, each individual needs to provide permission. It can be included in the same letter, but it needs to be clear that all owners of the parcel consent.
- ☒ The letter must clearly state that the parcel owner is giving the applicant(s) **permission to use their intertidal lands** for the proposed aquaculture activities. General letters of support from the parcel owner do not satisfy this requirement.
- ☒ If the intertidal land is owned by the applicant(s) then an 'Applicant Statement' must be included with the submission. The submission needs to include the map and lot number of the parcel owned.

To Whom It May Concern,

We, Matija Burtis and Christopher Burtis, owners of parcel 75, map 37, give permission to Ferda Farms LLC to use our intertidal land for the proposed aquaculture activities and give permission to access the proposed lease site through our property if required

Sincerely,


[Signature] 3/31/26
[Date]

Christopher Burtis


[Signature] 03/22/2025.
[Date]
Matija Burtis

I, Rebecca Clow, owner of parcel 73, map 37, give permission to Ferda Farms LLC to use my intertidal land for the proposed aquaculture activities.


Rebecca Clow

7/9/2026

To Whom It May Concern,

We, Lisa Troup and Melissa Brame, owners of parcel 76, map 37, give permission to Ferda Farms LLC to use our intertidal land for the proposed aquaculture activities.

Sincerely,



[Signature]

Lisa Troup

9/21/2025

[Date]



[Signature]

Melissa Brame

9/21/25

[Date]



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To Whom It May Concern,

We, Peter Odell, Sarah Odell, and Paul Odell, as duly authorized members of Three Pines LLC, which owns parcels 64 and 65 on map 37, give permission to Ferda Farms LLC to use our intertidal land for the proposed aquaculture activities.

Sincerely,

Peter E Odell 9/1/25

[Signature]

[Date]

Peter Odell

Member of Three Pines LLC

Sara Odell 9-4-25

[Signature]

[Date]

Sara Odell

Member of Three Pines LLC

Paul Odell 9-6-25

[Signature]

[Date]

Paul Odell

Member of Three Pines LLC

To Whom It May Concern,

We, James Wilson and Ruth Wilson, as duly authorized trustees of Wilson Family Wealth Trust, which owns parcel 74, map 37, give permission to Ferda Farms LLC to use our intertidal land for the proposed aquaculture activities.

Sincerely,



6-17-25

[Signature]

[Date]

James Wilson

Trustee of Wilson Family Wealth Trust



6-17-25

[Signature]

[Date]

Ruth Wilson

Trustee of Wilson Family Wealth Trust

To Whom It May Concern,

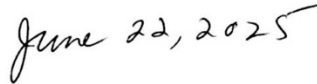
We, Dorothy Jones and Michael Jones, owners of parcel 77, map 37, give permission to Ferda Farms LLC to use our intertidal land for the proposed aquaculture activities.

Sincerely,

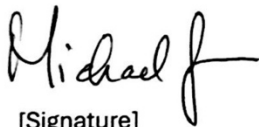


[Signature]

Dorothy Jones

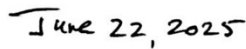


[Date]



[Signature]

Michael Jones



[Date]

2. Municipal Permission

Does the municipality have a shellfish conservation program in accordance with 12 M.R.S.A. section 6671?	☒ Yes ☐ No
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If you selected “no” then part 2) is not required.

If you selected “yes” then you also need to submit the following with your application:

The **municipal officials** need to consent to using the intertidal area. Consent means that a majority of the municipal officials voted to grant permission to use the intertidal area. The vote needs to occur during a public meeting.

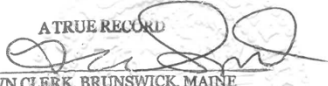
After the meeting, you will need to submit one of the following:

A copy of the final meeting minutes that includes the text of the motion and the results of the vote, which demonstrates that a majority of municipal officials gave consent to the applicant(s) to use the intertidal area. Draft copies of meeting minutes will not be accepted.

OR

A letter from the municipality that summarizes the meeting when the vote was taken. The letter needs to include:

- ☐ The date of the meeting.
- ☐ Text of the motion.
- ☐ The vote of each municipal official (they need to be individually named).
- ☐ Name and signature of the individual submitting the letter on behalf of the town.

ATTEST: 
TOWN CLERK, BRUNSWICK, MAINE

Approved
TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes
January 21, 2025
Regular Meeting 6:30 P.M.
Town Hall - Council Chambers
85 Union Street, Brunswick, Maine

Present: W. David Watson, Jamie Ecker, Kim Anderson, Sandra Updegraph, Jennifer Hicks, Nathaniel Shed, Steve Weems, Kathy Wilson, and Nathan MacDonald.

Councilors Absent: None

Town Staff Present: Julia Henze, Town Manager; Jay Astle, Assistant Town Manager; Fran Smith, Town Clerk; Sally Costello, Director of Economic Development; Chrissy Adamowicz, Project Manager; and the video crew.

Chair Updegraph opened the meeting and acknowledged that the meeting had been properly noticed. She led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adjustments to Agenda None

Public Comments/Announcements: *(This item was discussed at 6:31 p.m.)*

Richard Fisco asked if the Council had read the information he had provided to them. He spoke of India and how they view the United States. He added that children should be taught to think – not what to think. He would like to see the public comments be up to five minutes and also see the microphones in the Chamber be upgraded.

Bruce Kantner spoke about how he is struck that 2025 will be a huge year for quality of life and environmental issues in Brunswick. Many decisions will need to be made regarding environmental concerns.

Haley Bernier wanted to honor Director Farrell for his work with programs for those children with disabilities at the Recreation Department. She has real concerns with DEP results regarding PFAS.

Steve Levesque, MRRA, provided a quick update on what is happening at MRRA. It included storm water pollution studies and spill prevention counter proposal plan. He added that the Navy has been doing studies with thousands of water samples.

MANAGER'S REPORT *(This item was discussed at 6:45 p.m.)*

a) Introduction of the new Executive Director of the Brunswick Downtown Association

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Manager Henze provided this introduction.

Rielly Kons introduced himself.

b) PFAS Update

Manager Henze responded to questions from Councilor Ecker.

c) Revaluation Update

Manager Henze provided this report.

d) Finance Report

Manager Henze provided this report.

e) Dog Licensing reminder

Clerk Smith provided this report.

f) Representative Ankeles' Legislative Report

Representative Ankeles provided this report and responded to questions from Councilor Hicks, Councilor Ecker, and Councilor Watson.

g) Restoration Advisory Board report (Dr. Page)

Dr. Page provided this update and responded to questions from Councilor Wilson, Councilor Ecker, Councilor Weems, Councilor Hicks, and Chair Updegraph.

h) Town Council Workshop - Viridi Energy

Manager Henze provided information on this workshop and responded to questions from Councilor Wilson, Councilor Ecker, Councilor Weems, Chair Updegraph, and Councilor Hicks.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 3. The Town Council will hear public comments on a new liquor license and will take any appropriate action. (Town Clerk) *(This item was discussed at 8:01 p.m.)***

Malt, Vinous & Spiritous

**Bloom Hospitality, LLC
D/B/A: Pomelia**

Tony Bickford

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16 Station Avenue

Chair Updegraph opened the public hearing

Clerk Smith introduced this item

Tony Bickford, the owner, spoke regarding this item.

Chair Updegraph closed the public hearing.

Councilor Ecker moved, Councilor Hicks seconded to approve a new liquor license for Bloom Hospitality, D/B/A Pomelia at 16 Station Avenue. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

NEW BUSINESS

4. **The Town Council will consider approval of an experimental intertidal lease application for Ferda Farms per 12 MRSA §6072(3) and will take any appropriate action. (Shellfish Committee) *(This item was discussed at 8:10 p.m.)***

Coastal Resources Manager Devereaux introduced this item.

Max Burtis, applicant, made a presentation and responded to questions from Councilor Hicks, Councilor Ecker, and Councilor Watson

Beth Bisson spoke regarding this item.

Councilor Weems moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to approve the experimental intertidal aquaculture lease for Ferda Farms per State Law 12 M.R.S.A. §6072(3), which requires municipal officers' approval on these leases prior to going to the Department of Marine Resources, who are the approving authority. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

5. **The Town Council will consider adopting "A Resolution Authorizing the Appropriation of \$50,000 in Available TIF Revenues from the Cook's Corner Omnibus Municipal District for the Brunswick Development Corporation to Fund the Childcare Provider Assistance Grant Program" and will take any appropriate action. (BDC) *(This item was discussed at 8:25 p.m.)***

Director Costello introduced this item.

Councilor Watson, Councilor Hicks, and Councilor Ecker asked questions to which Director Costello responded.

Manager Henze responded to questions from Councilor Hicks.

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- f) ULP-24-19 Harpswell Road
- g) ULP-24-20 Richards Street
- h) ULP-24-21 Pleasant Street
- i) ULP-24-22 River Road
- j) ULP-24-23 Hacker Road

Councilor Ecker provided a correction for the November 18th meeting which will be done in the adopted version.

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Weems seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

The meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: THESE MINUTES ARE ACTION MINUTES. THE ENTIRE MEETING CAN BE VIEWED AT WWW.BRUNSWICKME.GOV.



*Frances M. Smith
Town Clerk
January 22, 2025*

February 3, 2025
Date of Approval



Council Chair

12. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND SIGNATURE PAGE

Every listed applicant needs to complete and include a copy of this form with the submission. If the applicant is a company, this needs to be completed and signed by a person authorized to make such certifications and submissions on behalf of the company.

Please read and check box confirming understanding

- ☒ I have read DMR's aquaculture laws and regulations and will comply with those provisions.
- ☒ I understand that lease proposals are evaluated in consideration of applicable decision criteria and processed in accordance with relevant law and rules. Applying for a lease is not a guarantee that this site will be granted or otherwise granted as originally applied for.
- ☒ I understand that lease application fees are non-refundable.
- ☒ I understand that falsifying any information in this application will result in termination of the application or other enforcement action.
- ☒ I understand that it is my responsibility to submit a copy of this application to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and that their review process is separate from DMR's. If I have questions about the USACE process or review, I will contact that agency.
- ☒ I read the lease application instructions. I will follow the instructions and provide any requested information in a timely manner.
- ☒ If the lease is granted, I understand that all gear, including moorings, are required to remain within the boundaries of the proposed lease site at all tidal stages. I understand that if the lease is granted, failure to keep gear, including moorings, within the boundaries of the site will result in compliance action including possible revocation of the site.
- ☒ I will mark the site in accordance with Chapter 2.80 of DMR's regulations.

Printed Name	Maxwell Burtis
Signature	
Date	8/27/2026

A. Corporate Applicant

1. Name of Corporation: Ferda Farms LLC
2. Date of incorporation: 07/03/2018 State of incorporation: ME
3. List the names, addresses, and titles of all officers:

Name	Address	Title
Chris Burtis	9 Pinefields Ln, Brunswick, ME 04011	Member
Max Burtis	9 Pinefields Ln, Brunswick, ME 04011	Member

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

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

Name	Address
Chris Burtis	9 Pinefields Ln, Brunswick, ME 04011
Max Burtis	9 Pinefields Ln, Brunswick, ME 04011

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:

1. Ferda Farms LLC, pending standard lease east of Bombazine Island
2. Ferda Farms LLC, granted standard lease, NMR CI

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	Percentage of Owned Stock
Chris Burtis	9 Pinefields Ln, Brunswick, ME 04011	51
Max Burtis	9 Pinefields Ln, Brunswick, ME 04011	49

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
Chris Burtis	9 Pinefields Ln, Brunswick, ME 04011	NMR CI	2.4
Max Burtis	9 Pinefields Ln, Brunswick, ME 04011	NMR CI	2.4

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:

n/a



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STATE OF MAINE

CERTIFICATE OF FORMATION

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07/03/2018

Julie L. Flynn
Deputy Secretary of State

A True Copy When Attested By Signature

Julie L. Flynn
Deputy Secretary of State

Pursuant to 31 MRSA §1531, the undersigned executes and delivers the following Certificate of Formation:

FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is:

Ferda Farms 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 §508.)

SECOND: Filing Date: (select one)

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Date of this filing; or

Later effective date (specified here): _____

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 LLC (Check only if applicable):

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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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FTH: 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

Christopher Burtis

(Name of noncommercial registered agent)

9 Pinefields Ln

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

Brunswick, ME 04011

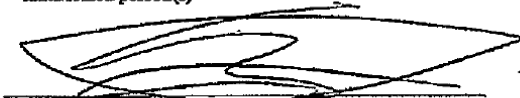
(mailing address if different from above)

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

SEVENTH: Other matters the members determine to include are set forth in the attached Exhibit _____, and made a part hereof.

**Authorized person(s)

Dated June 28, 2018



(Signature of authorized person)

Christopher Burtis

(Type or print name of authorized person)

Max Friedman

(Signature of authorized person)

Maxfield Friedman

(Type or print name of authorized person)

*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-A, Certificate of Formation MUST be signed by at least one 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 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

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