

EXPERIMENTAL LEASE APPLICATION

1. APPLICANT CONTACT INFORMATION

Applicant	Ryan McPherson
Contact Person	Ryan McPherson
Address	637 River Road
City	Edgecomb
State, Zip	ME, 04556
County	Lincoln
Telephone	2073157066
Email	ryan@gliddenpoint.com
Payment Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Check (included) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Credit Card

Note: The email address you list here will be the primary means by which we will contact you. Please provide an email address checked regularly. If you do not use email, please leave this blank.

2. PROPOSED LEASE SITE INFORMATION

Location of Proposed Lease Site	
Town	Newcastle
Waterbody	Damariscotta River
General Description (e.g. south of B Island)	South of Perkins Point
Lease Information	
Total acreage (4-acre maximum) and lease term (3-year maximum) requested	0.45
Type of culture (check all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> Bottom (no gear) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suspended (gear in the water and/or on the bottom) <input type="checkbox"/> Net Pen (finfish)
How many pending experimental lease applications (including this one) do you have pending?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One* (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Two (2) <i>Note: An applicant may have no more than two pending experimental leases at any time.</i> *Glidden Point Oyster Co. has a pending experimental application, where I am listed as the contact person
Do you have a legal interest in any entity that has a pending experimental application?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If “Yes” provide the name of the applicant(s) Glidden Point Oyster Co. has a pending Experimental application. Where I am listed as the contact person

Is any portion of the proposed lease site above mean low water?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>Note: If you selected “Yes”, you need to complete the steps outlined in the section titled: “Landowner/Municipal Permission Requirements”.</i>
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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”):	WQ
Growing Area Section (e.g. “A1”):	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. GENERAL LEASE INFORMATION

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

Name of species to be cultivated <i>(include both common and scientific names):</i>	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
American Oysters (<i>Crassostrea virginica</i>)	Muscongus Bay Aquaculture, 24 Seal Ledge Road, Bremen, ME	1,005,000
American Oysters (<i>Crassostrea virginica</i>)	Mook Sea Farm, 321 ME-129, Walpole, ME 04573	1,005,000

B. Do you intend to possess, transport, or sell whole or roe-on scallops? Yes 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

Note: If you attach the map, please label it: ‘Vicinity Map’.

Directions: Using a NOAA Chart or USGS topographic map, show the area within a minimum of one-half mile of the proposed lease site.

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 scalebar
- The approximate lease boundaries
- A 1,000 foot radius buffer around each corner

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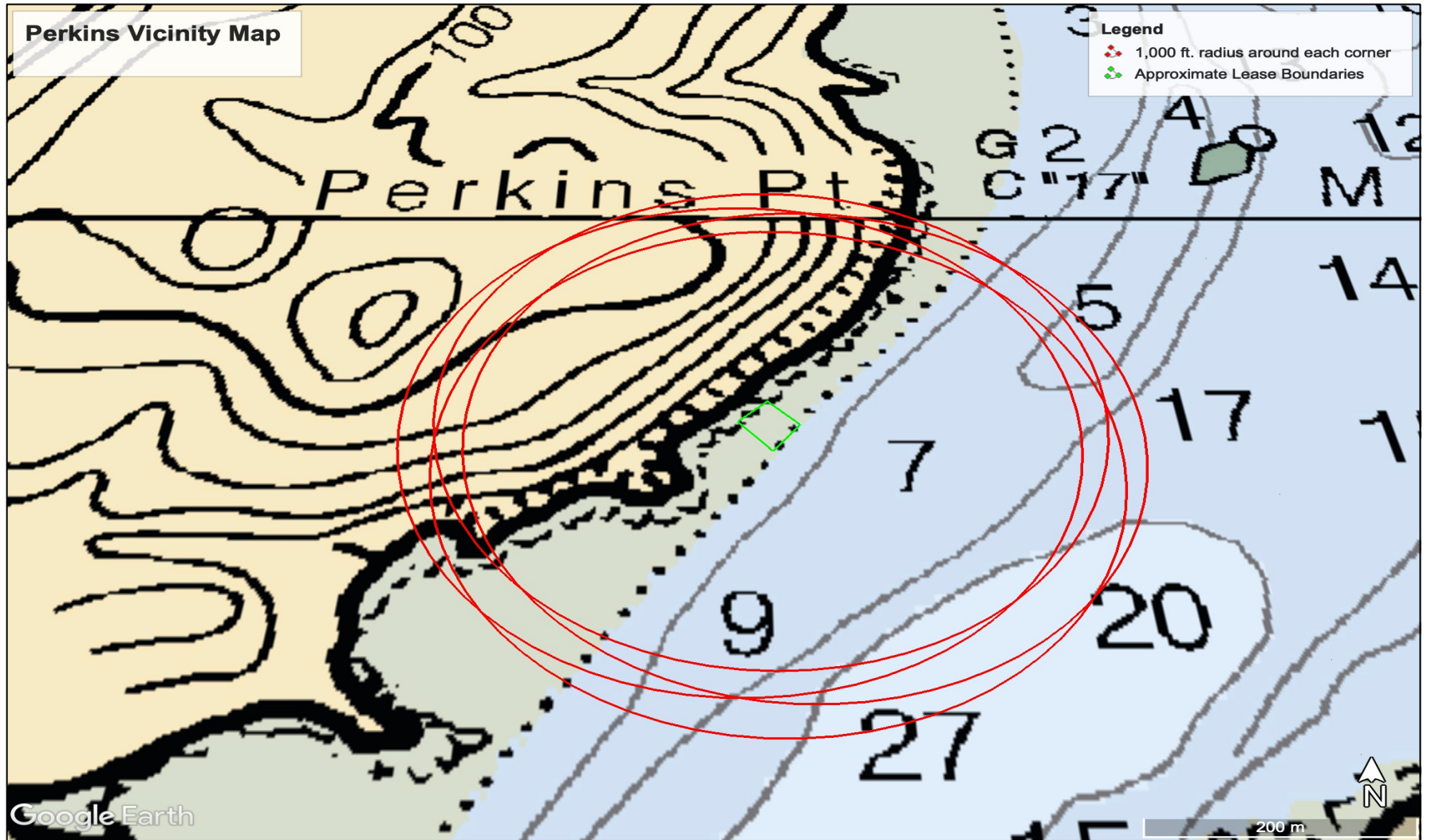


Figure 1. Vicinity Map

6. BOUNDARY DRAWING

Note: If you attach a drawing, please label it 'Boundary Drawing'.

Directions: Depict the boundaries of the proposed lease site. Provide a drawing with all corners, directions, and distances labeled. Provide coordinates for each corner as follows:

- Coordinate Description
Provide geographic coordinates for each corner of the lease site in latitude and longitude in decimal degrees (e.g., 43.123456 N, -69.123456 W). Identify the datum from the map, chart, or GPS unit used to develop these coordinates. The datum will be shown on the map or chart you are using. The Coordinate Description may be provided separately from the Boundary Drawing.

Please see the next page



Figure 2. Boundary Drawing

7. RESEARCH PROGRAM AND OPERATIONS

Directions: If you are cultivating more than one species, you will need to provide the below information for each species. Please attach a separate page if needed.

A. Type of study (check one): Scientific Research Commercial Research

Please note:

a) Product grown on experimental leases for scientific research cannot be sold. Results of scientific research are not kept confidential.

b) Experimental leases for commercial research are not renewable. Results of commercial research are kept confidential.

B. What is the purpose of the study? If scientific, please include a detailed study design.

We will assess the commercial viability of shellfish growing in this area.

C. Describe the general culture process for each species proposed.

Two processes may be executed on the site, first, seed from our upweller in Newcastle may be stocked in to tubes on the site for growout beginning in June, seed will grow out for the summer and be overwintered beginning in October, overwintering will occur on other leases operated by Glidden Point, or the seed will be planted on other leases owned by Glidden Point. No gear will be present after late December and will not be re-deployed until March-April each year.

The second process would involve stocking the tubes with oysters for their second year growout. Stocking would occur from late April to July, harvesting would likely occur from August to December, after which gear would be removed from the site until stocking the following year.

D. What months will the proposed activities (i.e. seeding, tending, and harvesting) occur?

Stocking will occur from April - July, tending April - December, Harvesting August - December.

E. How often will you be at the site during seeding and harvesting periods?

Daily

F. How frequently will you visit/tend the site for routine maintenance (i.e. flipping cages, etc.)?

Weekly

G. Describe the harvesting techniques you will use. If you plan on using a drag, please provide the dimensions.

Tubes will be removed from the site into skiffs and taken back to the dock at the Glidden Point property on River Road in Edgecomb. Oysters will be sorted and stored at that location after harvest.

H. Describe any overwintering or “off season” plans for the site. For example, will you remove gear from the site and/or deploy gear in different areas within the proposed site? Please include where gear or product will be located if moved from the site.

Gear will be removed from the site in December, oysters will be harvested, planted at another site operated by Glidden Point, or overwintered in cages on a different lease operated by Glidden Point.

I. What type of machinery (e.g. generator, drag, grading equipment, etc.) will you be using on the site? When and how often will the machinery be used?

Skiffs with outboard motors will be used to access the site, otherwise no power equipment will be used. Skiffs will be at the site daily to weekly throughout the season (April - December).

J. Please provide details on any predator control techniques you plan to employ.

None

K. 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), 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. 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)

We will harvest oysters into our floats at the Glidden Point property on River Road in Edgcomb. Oysters harvested from this site will be purged in oyster holding pens for at least 2 weeks following harvest from the site.

8. EXISTING USES

Directions: Describe the existing uses of the proposed area. Please include the amount of activity, the time of year the activity occurs, frequency, and proximity to the lease site.

A. Describe the existing uses of the proposed area in questions A.1 through A.5 below. Please include the a) type b) time of year c) frequency, and d) proximity to the lease site for each existing use.

1. Commercial Fishing

None Observed

2. Recreational Fishing

None Observed

3. Boating Activities (please also include the distance to any navigable channel(s) from your proposed site at low water)
None Observed, the navigable channel is ~750' from the outer portion of the lease, most boaters do not come so close in to shore here due to the outcropping to the south and the fact that the navigation channel veers to the west, away from the proposed site.
4. Ingress and egress (i.e. coming and going) of shorefront property owners within 1,000 feet of the proposal (e.g. docks, moorings, landing boats on shore, etc.)
We have provided for a 60' passage between the edge of the lease boundary and the nearest dock. The next nearest dock is ~240' from the nearest corner of the proposed lease.
5. Other uses (kayaking, swimming, etc.)
None observed

B. Are there private docks, moorings, or other access points within 1,000 feet of the proposed lease? If yes, please include approximate distance from proposed lease.
Yes, 60' to the nearest one to the north, 240' to another to the south.

C. Are there public beaches, parks, or docking facilities within 1,000 feet of the proposed lease site. If yes, please describe and include approximate distances from proposed lease.
No

D. Are there any Limited Purpose Aquaculture (LPA) licenses or aquaculture leases within 1,000 feet of your proposed lease site? If yes, please list their acronyms below. Current and pending aquaculture leases and active LPA licenses may be found here: https://www.maine.gov/dmr/aquaculture/leases/index.html
Yes, DAM PP2 is within 1000' of the proposed lease

9. CURRENT OPERATIONS

Directions: If a question does not pertain to your proposed operations, please write “not applicable” or “N/A.”

A. Describe your existing aquaculture operations, including the acronyms of all active leases and/or licenses.
Glidden Point (I’m listed as the contact) holds or operates: DAM WP, DAM JP2, DAM DL2, DAM JP3 Ryan McPherson holds or operates: RMCP117, RMCP217, RMCP323 Nonesuch Oysters (I’m listed as the contact) hold or operates: SCAR SRR Ryan McPherson is listed as an Assistant on: RPAN120, RPAN220, RPAN320, RPAN420 Glidden Point operates an upweller at RMCP323, moving seed after it is of size to the DAM JP Sites. Seed may be grown out for a second year on the surface at the JP sites, the RPAN sites, or on the bottom at WP. Oysters of market size are harvested from the growout sites and brought to the RMCP sites for inventory, wet storage, and final harvest.

B. What are your plans for any existing leases and/or Limited Purposed Aquaculture (LPA) licenses if the lease is granted? Will any existing leases and/or Limited Purpose Aquaculture (LPA) licenses be relinquished if the lease is granted? If so, please indicate which ones.
We will continue to maintain all existing LPAs.

10. ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERIZATION

Directions: Using your knowledge of the area, describe the environment of the proposed lease site. 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?
0’

B. What are the approximate depths at mean high water?

15'

C. Provide the approximate current speed and direction during the ebb and flow.

~2kt to the Northeast during incoming tides, ~2kts to the southwest during outgoing tides.

D. The following questions (D.1 through D.6) may be answered in writing or by submitting a video. If you plan to submit a video, please contact the Department prior to video collection.

1. What are the bottom characteristics (mud, sand, gravel, rock, ledge or some mix, etc.)?

Mud with occasional boulders.

2. Describe the bottom topography (flat, steep rough, etc.).

Flat gradually sloping to the southwest.

3. Describe marine organisms by species or common names. Based on your personal observations or other sources of information, are these species abundant, common, or rare?

Green crabs: abundant
Mudworms: abundant

4. Are there shellfish beds or fish migration routes in the surrounding area? If so, please describe.

No shellfish beds, alewives famously migrate in the Damariscotta River each spring.

5. 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.

None, observation at low tide, December 13th, 2022.

6. Describe the general shoreline and upland characteristics (rocky shoreline, forested, residential, etc.)

The shoreline is rocky and steep with pine dominated forest. A few residential homes in the area.

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

Yes No

Note: The location of Essential Habitats in the State of Maine, along with information on how projects within these areas are reviewed, can be found here: <https://www.maine.gov/ifw/fish-wildlife/wildlife/endangered-threatened-species/essential-wildlife-habitat/index.html>

If a project is located within an Essential Habitat, applicants are strongly encouraged to contact the MDIFW Environmental Review Coordinator (John.Perry@maine.gov, phone: 207-287-5254) prior to application submission.

F. Will your operations discharge anything into the water such as feed (pellets, kelp, etc.) or chemical additives (therapeutants, chemical treatments, etc.)?

Yes No

Note: If you answered yes, you must submit a video of the bottom using a method prescribed by the Department. **The video must be filmed between April 1 and November 15.** If a discharge is proposed you will also need to obtain a Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) discharge permit. For information on this permit please contact DEP's 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.

G. Describe ice formation in the winter months at the proposed site.

Based on my observations, ice formation in the upper Damariscotta River vary upon the winter temperatures. The ice can freeze all the way over, but in the past several years winter ice formation has been minimal. This site will be broken down and winterized due to the possibility of it freezing.

Note: Description of ice should incorporate data such as water temperature or ice out date over a ten-year period or observations over several (no less than 5) recent winters from the harbormaster, a municipal official such as a shellfish warden, local harbor committee, Marine Patrol Officer, fishing/aquaculture industry members, or the applicant. Stating “no ice observed last year” will not be accepted as a complete answer.

11. STRUCTURES *(if applicable)*

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 an **Overhead View** and **Cross-Section View** of your gear plans. It is important to note that, unlike Limited Purpose Aquaculture (LPA) Licenses, experimental and standard leases require that all gear, including moorings, must be located within the proposed lease boundaries.

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

A) Overhead View (please label this “Overhead View”):

Directions: All dimensions need to be labeled with the appropriate units (i.e. 10ft, 10in)

- Show maximum layout of gear including moorings.
- Show dimensions of entire gear layout
- Show approximate spacing between gear.
- Show lease boundaries and the location of proposed markers on all drawings.
- Gear orientation

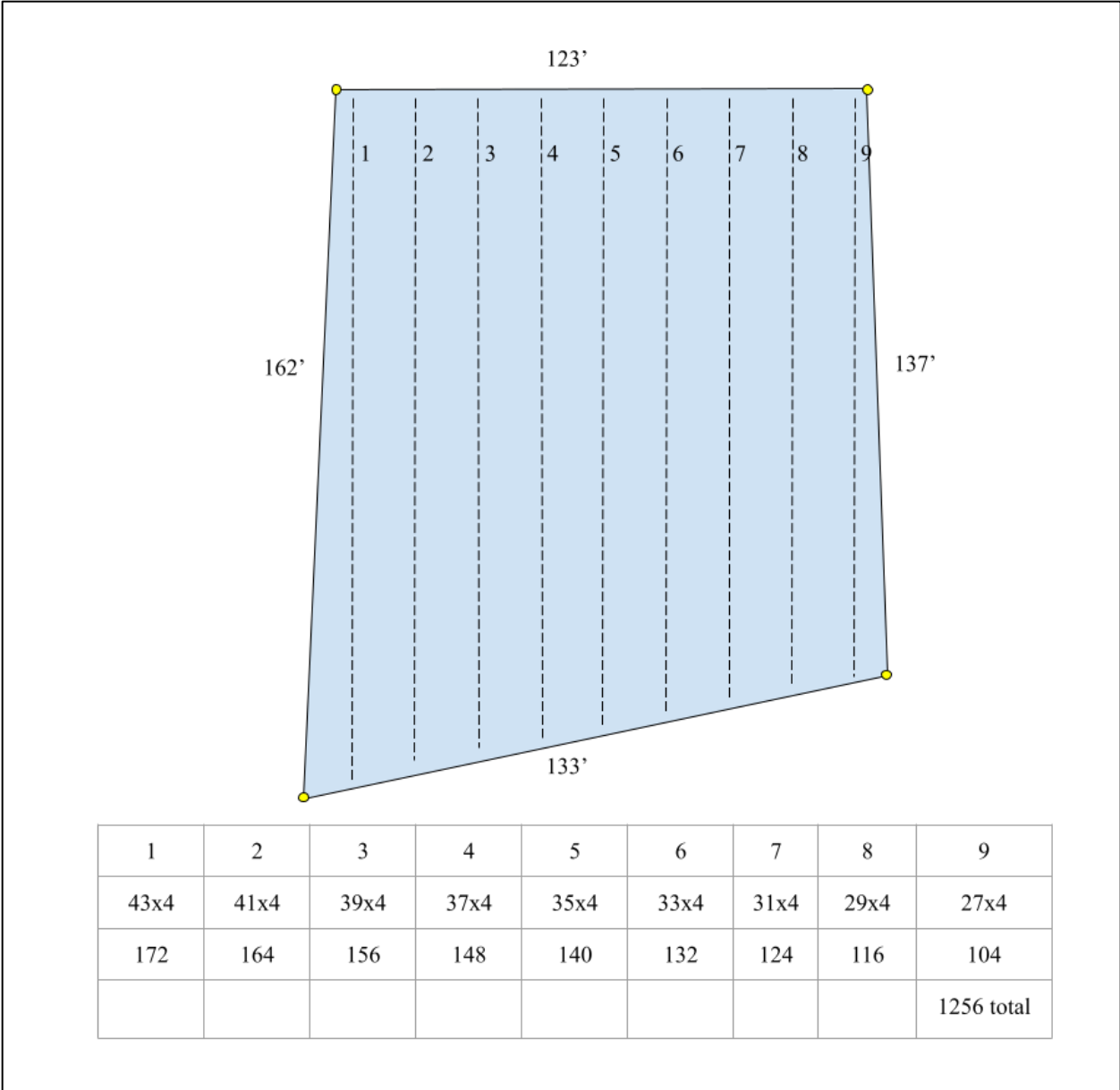


Figure 3. Overhead View

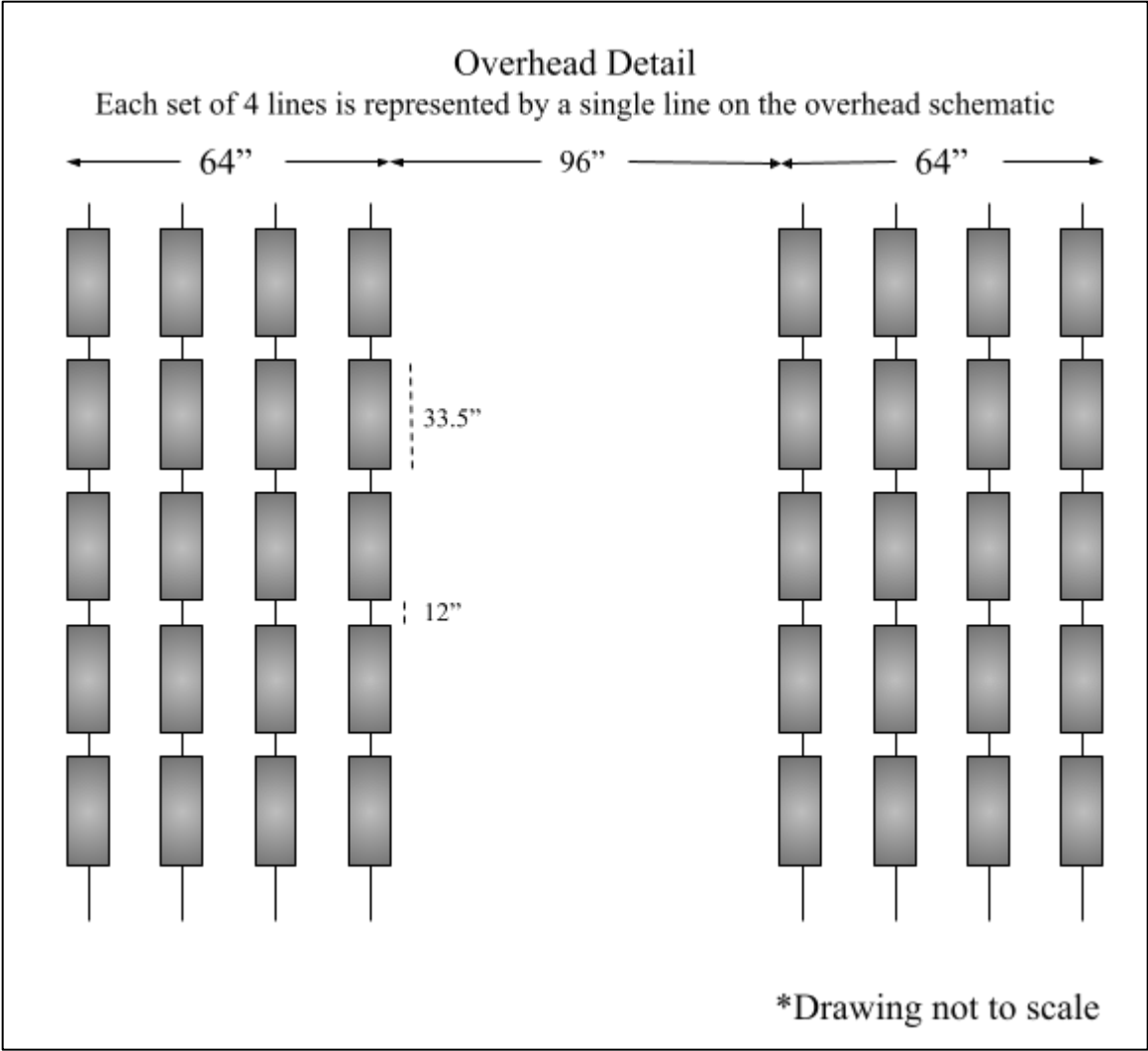


Figure 4. Detailed Overhead View

B) Cross-Section View (please label this “Cross-Section View”):

Directions: The cross-section view must show the following:

- The sea bottom
- Profile of gear in cross-section as it will be deployed
- Label gear with dimensions and materials
- Show mooring gear with mooring type, scope, hardware, and line type and size
- Water depth at mean high and mean low water

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

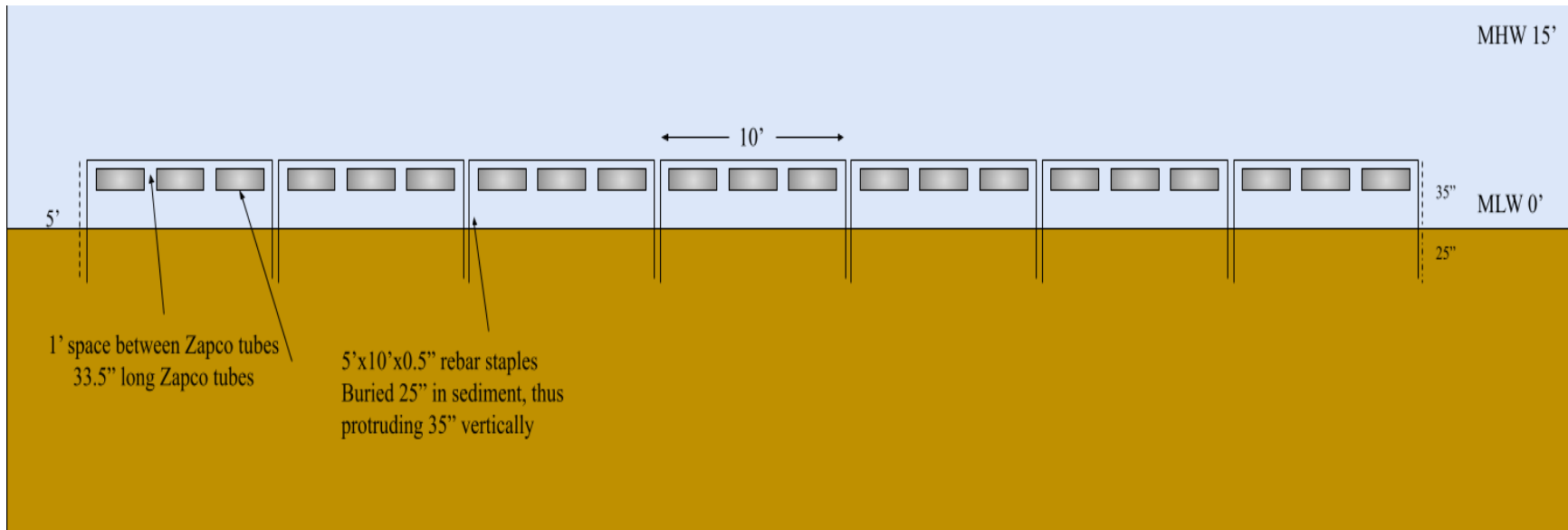


Figure 5. Cross-section View

C) Gear Description

Directions: List and describe each individual gear type that you will use in the table below.

Specific Gear Type <i>(e.g. soft mesh bag)</i>	Dimensions <i>(e.g. 16"x20"x2")</i>	Time of year gear will be deployed <i>(e.g. Spring, Winter, etc.)</i>	Maximum amount of this gear type that will be deployed on the site <i>(i.e. 200 cages, 100 lantern nets, etc.)</i>	Species that will be grown using this gear type
Zapco Tubes	16"x33.5"	March - December	1256	American oysters
Rebar staples	5'x10'x0.5"	March - December	419	American oysters
Yellow Buoys for Corner Marking	6" x 13"	Year Round	4	N/A
Galvanized Chain	3/8"	Year Round	4 (for corner markers)	N/A
Helix anchors	39.36"	Year Round	4 (for corner markers)	N/A

D) Gear Drawing (please label this “Gear Drawing”).

Directions: Include a drawing of an individual piece of gear for each of the gear type(s) you plan to use. The drawing(s) needs to depict the length, width, and height of each gear type with appropriate units referenced (i.e., 10in, 10ft, etc.).



Figure 6. Zapco Tubes

12. MARKING

Will you be able to mark your site in accordance with DMR regulations, Chapter 2.80? In part, this requires marker buoys which clearly display the lease ID and the words SEA FARM to be located at each corner of the lease. Marker buoys must be yellow and host reflective material.

Yes No

If you answered no, explain why and suggest alternate markings.

Note: If a lease 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.

13. RIPARIAN LANDOWNERS AND SITE ACCESS

A. If your lease is 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**), the following supporting documents are required:

1. A labeled copy of a tax map(s) depicting the location of the proposed lease site and including the following elements:
 - Label the map “Tax Map: Town of (name of town).”
 - Legible scale
 - Tax lot numbers clearly displayed
 - The boundaries of the proposed lease

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Figure 7. Newcastle Tax Map

2. Please use the Riparian Landowner List (included on the next page) to list the name and address of every shorefront landowner within 1,000ft of the proposed lease site. Have the tax collector or clerk of the municipality certify the 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>
3. If any portion of the site is intertidal you need to complete the steps outlined in “Landowner/Municipal Permission Requirements”.

B. Will your access to the lease area be across riparian land?

Yes No

Note: If you selected “Yes”, you will need to complete the landowner permission requirements included in “Landowner/Municipal Permission Requirements” of this application.

C. How (i.e. where on shore) will you access the proposed site?

The proposed site will be accessed from Glidden Point’s dock located at 637 River Road in Edgecomb, ME.



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GOVERNOR

STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES
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COMMISSIONER

- RIPARIAN OWNERS LIST -

*THIS LIST MUST BE **CERTIFIED** BY THE TOWN CLERK*

On this list, please include the map number, lot number, and the current owners' names and mailing addresses for all shorefront parcels within 1,000 feet of the lease site. 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 riparian parcels are located within more than one municipality, provide a separate, tax map and certified riparian list for each municipality.

TOWN OF: Newcastle, ME

MAP #	LOT #	Landowner name(s) and address(es)
003	063	Schroeder, C.F.; N.J.; L.J & Halter, R. C/O Carl Schroeder 526 River Road Newcastle, ME 04553
003	065-00A	Brock Peter; Trustee 17 Highland Avenue Barrington, RI 02806
003	065-00B	Lacson, Jerry N. 32 Green Road Amherst, NH 03031
003	065-00C	Nash, Julie L. 602 Presidents Walk Way Cary, NC 27519
003	065-00D	Nash, Julie L 602 Presidents Walk Way Cary, NC 27519
003	065-003	McPherson, Ryan M 637 River Road Edgecomb, ME 04556
003	065	Harman, Kristin L 127 Perkins Point Rd Newcastle, ME 04553
003	065-002	Frecker, John C 4701 N Meridian Ave Unit 410 Miami Beach, FL 33140
003	065-001	McCallum, Joan 17 Old Field Road

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<http://www.Maine.gov/dmr>

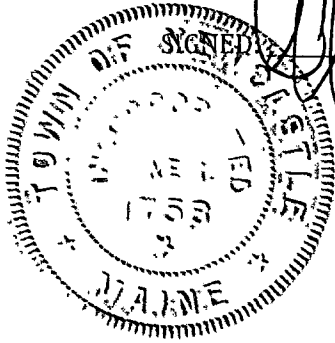
PHONE: (207) 624-6550

FAX: (207) 624-6024

		Newcastle, Maine 04553
003	072	Baldwin, Ashley 214 Wiscasset Road Whitefield, ME 04353
003	072-00A	Town of Newcastle Buck Property PO BOX 386 Newcastle, Maine 04553
003	075-00A	Manahan, Bryan T 608 River Road Newcastle, ME 0435

CERTIFICATION

I, Emma McKeamey, Town Clerk for the Town of Newcastle, 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.



[Handwritten Signature] DATE: 1/2/2025

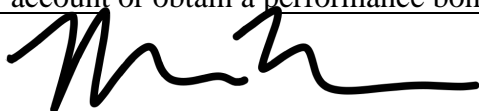
14. ESCROW ACCOUNT OR PERFORMANCE BOND

Check the category that describes your operation:

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

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

I, (*printed name of applicant*) Ryan McPherson have read DMR Aquaculture Regulations 2.64(12)(B)) and if this proposed lease is granted by DMR I will either open an escrow account or obtain a performance bond, depending on the category of lease.



9/17/2024

Applicant Signature

Date

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

ADDITIONAL APPLICANTS: Each applicant must sign this section indicating that they will open an escrow account or obtain a performance bond. 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 2.64(10)(D) and if this proposed lease is granted by DMR I will either open an escrow account or obtain a performance bond, depending on the category of lease.

Applicant Signature

Date

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

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 experimental lease process.

Printed name: _____ Ryan McPherson _____

Title (if corporate applicant): _____

Signature:  _____ Date: 9/17/2024 _____

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.

16. LANDOWNER/MUNCIPAL PERMISSION REQUIREMENTS *(if applicable)*

PART I: The use of private property to access your site.

Pursuant to 2.64(C)(6) to 12 M.R.S.A. §6072-A(8) if you are using private property to access the proposed lease site, you need to submit written permission from the property owner with your application. It is your responsibility to obtain written permission. Please note that the Department does not provide forms for landowner or municipal permission. **If any portion of your site is also intertidal you will need to complete the steps outlined in Part II, below.**

N/A

PART II: If any portion of the site is intertidal you need to complete the following steps:

Step I: Obtain written permission from all intertidal landowners.

As stipulated by 12 M.R.S.A. §6072-A(8) and required by 12 M.R.S.A. §6072(4)(F), the applicant must submit written permission of every riparian owner whose land to the low water mark will be used. Therefore, you need to include written permission from the upland owner(s). The written permission needs to include the parcel and lot number of the shorefront owner(s), whose intertidal property the proposed site occupies, as recorded on the riparian landowner list.

Please see attached

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 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.

Please see attached



Town of Newcastle

www.NewcastleMaine.us

Emma L. McKearney – Clerk

4 Pump Street
PO Box 386
Newcastle, ME 04553
Tel. (207) 563-3441

FROM: Emma L. McKearney, Town Clerk
TO: Maine Department of Marine Resources, Aquaculture
DATE: September 16, 2024
RE: McPherson Experimental Lease Approval of Intertidal Location

To Whom It May Concern:

The Town of Newcastle received a request from Ryan McPherson requesting approval for an experimental aquaculture lease of suspended culture oysters with a portion of the area within an intertidal location as identified by the Maine Department of Marine Resources.

On September 9, 2024, the Newcastle Select Board made the following motion: *“Ben made a motion to consent to Ryan McPherson’s request to have an experimental aquaculture lease of suspended American oysters above mean low water in Newcastle, Maine. Motion was seconded by Rufus.”* The motion was passed unanimously with a vote of 5-0.

Please consider this motion and vote to be attested to be true and accurate.

If you have any questions, please contact me via phone or email.

Be well.

Emma L. McKearney
Newcastle Town Clerk

CC: Ryan McPherson, applicant
Kevin L. Sutherland, Newcastle Town Manager
Maine Department of Marine Resources, Aquaculture

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September 17th, 2024

To DMR Aquaculture,

Re: Experimental Aquaculture Lease Application of Ryan McPherson, in the Damariscotta River, south of Perkins Point, in Newcastle, Maine

I, Ryan McPherson, hereby authorize myself to use the parcel of land located at 003-065-003 to establish an experimental aquaculture lease site, as I am the owner of the parcel of land.

This authorization is in accordance with the requirements outlined in 12 M.R.S.A. §6072-A(8) and 12 M.R.S.A. §6072(4)(F).

The parcel and lot number of the shorefront property, as recorded on the riparian landowner lists is, 003-065-003

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ryan McPherson', written in a cursive style.

Ryan McPherson