

**Nathaniel Curtis 2**

**6 Balsam Circle**

**New Harbor, ME**

**Proceeding: Blackstone Point Oyster Co. Lease Hearing**

**Applicant: Brendan Parsons**

**Registered Participant: Nathaniel Curtis**

**Department of Marine Resources, Aquaculture Division**

## **MAINE AQUACULTURE LANDINGS REPORT**

The Maine Department of Marine Resources Landings Program collects catch statistics under the regulations set forth in Chapter 8. Beginning in 2021, persons holding an Aquaculture License (12 MRS §6810-B) who are authorized to grow any species other than finfish on a lease (12 MRS §6072, §6072-A or §6072-B) or a license site (12 MRS §6072-C) are required to report trip level data. These aquaculture data are distinguished from wild harvest in the DMR landings database. DMR catch statistics are confidential and may not be disclosed in a manner or form that permits identification of any person or vessel (12 MRS §6173).

The following tables show catch statistics from the Maine aquaculture industry excluding finfish which are confidential.

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| <b>Table 1: Aquaculture Landings in Live Pounds by Year and Species</b>     |                  |                  |                  |                  |                   |                    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Species</b>                                                              | <b>2021</b>      | <b>2022</b>      | <b>2023</b>      | <b>2024</b>      | <b>2025</b>       | <b>Total</b>       |
| hard clam/quahog                                                            | 0                | 2,721            | 1,416            | CONFIDENTIAL     | 0                 | 4,137              |
| scallop                                                                     | 3,072            | 3,116            | CONFIDENTIAL     | 4,456            | 4,356             | 15,000             |
| kelp                                                                        | 494,677          | 765,219          | 829,373          | 928,809          | 437,950           | 3,456,028          |
| blue mussel                                                                 | 1,735,733        | 2,002,986        | 2,055,167        | 2,134,324        | 2,649,277         | 10,577,487         |
| American/eastern oyster                                                     | 6,204,768        | 5,154,434        | 6,349,604        | 6,560,902        | 7,095,903         | 31,365,612         |
| <b>Total</b>                                                                | <b>8,438,250</b> | <b>7,928,476</b> | <b>9,235,560</b> | <b>9,628,491</b> | <b>10,187,486</b> | <b>45,418,263</b>  |
| <b>Table 1A: Aquaculture Landings of American Oysters by Count and Year</b> |                  |                  |                  |                  |                   |                    |
| American/eastern oyster                                                     | 22,074,315       | 18,387,472       | 22,663,843       | 23,401,019       | 24,889,458        | <b>111,416,108</b> |

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| Table 2: Aquaculture Landings in Live Pounds by Year and County |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                   |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| County                                                          | 2021             | 2022             | 2023             | 2024             | 2025             | Total             |
| Waldo                                                           | 9,804            | 45,846           | 124,901          | 87,201           | 88,303           | 356,055           |
| Washington                                                      | CONFIDENTIAL     | 54,950           | 103,891          | 147,505          | CONFIDENTIAL     | 306,345           |
| York                                                            | CONFIDENTIAL     | CONFIDENTIAL     | CONFIDENTIAL     | CONFIDENTIAL     | CONFIDENTIAL     |                   |
| Knox                                                            | 217,987          | 213,385          | 236,717          | 209,059          | 183,087          | 1,060,234         |
| Sagadahoc                                                       | 231,050          | 443,282          | 529,497          | 407,783          | 329,382          | 1,940,994         |
| Hancock                                                         | 1,037,408        | 1,410,227        | 1,805,984        | 1,972,361        | 2,369,576        | 8,595,557         |
| Cumberland                                                      | 1,560,255        | 1,810,820        | 1,629,489        | 2,379,282        | 2,354,382        | 9,734,228         |
| Lincoln                                                         | 5,155,994        | 3,834,336        | 4,683,792        | 4,323,120        | 4,537,910        | 22,535,153        |
| <b>Total</b>                                                    | <b>8,212,498</b> | <b>7,812,846</b> | <b>9,114,271</b> | <b>9,526,310</b> | <b>9,862,640</b> | <b>44,528,565</b> |

| Table 3: Aquaculture Landings Value |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                      |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Species                             | 2021                | 2022                | 2023                | 2024                | 2025                | Total                |
| hard clam/quahog                    | \$0                 | \$8,528             | \$2,750             | CONFIDENTIAL        | \$0                 | \$11,278             |
| scallop                             | \$81,442            | \$103,219           | CONFIDENTIAL        | \$152,964           | \$149,633           | \$487,259            |
| kelp                                | \$339,755           | \$550,411           | \$663,446           | \$592,098           | \$232,044           | \$2,377,755          |
| blue mussel                         | \$2,950,899         | \$3,697,328         | \$4,051,061         | \$4,121,672         | \$5,655,952         | \$20,476,912         |
| American/eastern oyster             | \$13,148,506        | \$13,612,203        | \$17,489,690        | \$18,217,846        | \$18,265,588        | \$80,733,833         |
| <b>Total</b>                        | <b>\$16,520,602</b> | <b>\$17,971,690</b> | <b>\$22,206,948</b> | <b>\$23,084,580</b> | <b>\$24,303,217</b> | <b>\$104,087,037</b> |

| Table 4: Aquaculture Landings Value by Port Group |              |             |              |              |              |              |
|---------------------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Port Group                                        | 2021         | 2022        | 2023         | 2024         | 2025         | Total        |
| Damariscotta River                                | \$10,225,375 | \$9,709,627 | \$12,617,403 | \$11,755,338 | \$10,937,847 | \$55,245,590 |
| Casco Bay                                         | \$3,697,356  | \$4,210,772 | \$4,149,334  | \$5,568,594  | \$6,312,425  | \$23,938,482 |
| MDI Area                                          | \$1,307,609  | \$2,002,367 | \$2,806,905  | \$2,903,041  | \$3,954,905  | \$12,974,826 |

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| Table 5: Aquaculture Landings of American Oysters by Count and Port Group |            |            |            |            |            |            |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Port Group                                                                | 2021       | 2022       | 2023       | 2024       | 2025       | Total      |
| Damariscotta River                                                        | 18,044,410 | 13,369,820 | 16,458,035 | 15,168,465 | 15,630,342 | 78,671,072 |
| Casco Bay                                                                 | 2,777,188  | 3,025,641  | 3,256,063  | 4,784,376  | 5,459,719  | 19,302,988 |
| MDI Area                                                                  | 262,082    | 445,057    | 1,285,587  | 1,610,757  | 1,791,538  | 5,395,021  |