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Date: February 25, 2025

To: Town of Beals Municipal Officials and Harbormaster
Lease applicant
Riparian (shorefront) landowners within 1,000 ft. of the proposal
ME IF&W, and DACF
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From: Department of Marine Resources (DMR) Aquaculture Division

Re: Notice of Completed Applications

The DMR has received completed standard lease applications for the following:

<p>Applicant Name: Downeast Institute</p> <p>Application Type: Two standard applications</p> <p>Culture Type: Suspended & Bottom Culture of Shellfish</p> <p>Location: Black Duck Cove, Western Bay, Beals</p> <p>Application I:</p> <p>Acreage and Term Requested: 1.14 Acres for 20 years</p> <p>Application II:</p> <p>Acreage and Term Requested: .84 Acres for 20 years</p>
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The next step in the review process are required site visits. DMR scientists will visit the proposed lease sites and assess the areas in consideration of applicable lease decision criteria. After the site reviews are complete, site reports will be published and posted to DMR's website. Public hearings will then be scheduled. Public hearings are an opportunity for members of the public to provide testimony and evidence about the proposals as it relates to the criteria DMR must legally consider in evaluating standard leases. At this juncture, DMR is unable to estimate when public hearings will be scheduled but notices of the proceedings will be provided in accordance with applicable law.

To view a copy of the completed applications, please visit DMR's Aquaculture webpage. Applications are available under 'Maine Aquaculture Leases and LPAs.'

Questions concerning this notice may be directed to the Aquaculture Division at (207) 350-7815 or DMRaquaculture@maine.gov.