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**Date:** March 3, 2025

**To:** Town of Beals Municipal Officials and Harbormaster  
Lease applicants  
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 Aquaculture Applications and Comment Periods

The DMR has received a complete lease application from each of the applicants listed below for the following:

**Name of Applicants:** Eric Smith and Richard Smith  
**Lease Type:** Experimental (one application submitted by each applicant)  
**Culture Type:** Suspended  
**Species:** Marine algae  
**Size and Term:** 3.99 acres, 3 Years  
**Location:** Eastern Bay, Beals

**Comment Period:** DMR announces a **30-day public comment period** during which interested persons may submit written comments or request a public hearing on the applications. A hearing is optional unless DMR receives ten or more written requests from interested persons during the comment period. For reference, the applications are available on DMR's website and labeled: Eric Smtih and Richard Smith. Please specify which application the comment(s) or request(s) apply to. Written comments or hearing requests need to be submitted by mail or email to the address provided below **no later than 4:00 p.m. on April 4, 2025.**

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[DMRaquaculture@maine.gov](mailto:DMRaquaculture@maine.gov)

**RIPARIAN LANDOWNERS:** You are receiving this notice because you are a shorefront owner whose property boundaries are within 1,000 feet of the proposed lease site. The law requires that this notice and any subsequent notices be mailed to you at the address on the riparian list contained in the application. Please note that the address on that list is based on municipal tax records in accordance with law. If you would also like to receive updates via email or text, please

sign up at the link below. You can sign up to receive electronic updates by coastal county. To sign up for electronic updates: <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/MEDMR/subscriber/new>  
For more information about the aquaculture leasing process, please visit: <https://www.maine.gov/dmr/aquaculture/public-participation-in-aquaculture-leasing>.

**View the Applications:** Please visit DMR's Aquaculture webpage. Applications are available under 'Maine Aquaculture Leases and LPAs.'

**CONTACT THE APPLICANT:** Please contact the applicant with any questions regarding their proposal. Contact information for the applicant can be found in their application.

**Relevant Authority:** 12 MRSA 6072-A (5) and DMR Rules Chapter 2.64.