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Date: December 3, 2024
To: Town of Harpswell Municipal Officials and Paul Plummer, Harbormaster
Lease applicant
ME IF&W, and DACF
GovDelivery
From: Department of Marine Resources (DMR) Aquaculture Division
Re: Notice of Completed Application

The DMR has received a completed standard lease application for the following:

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| Applicant | Ferda Farms LLC | |
| Culture Type | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bottom culture (No gear) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suspended culture (Bottom and/or surface gear) |
| Species | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shellfish | <input type="checkbox"/> Marine algae <input type="checkbox"/> Finfish <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| Waterbody, Town | New Meadows River, Harpswell | |
| Lease Size and Term | 5 Acres | 10 Years |

The next step in the review process is a required site visit. DMR scientists will visit the proposed lease site and assess the area in consideration of applicable lease decision criteria. After the site review is complete, a site report will be published and posted to DMR's website. A public hearing will then be scheduled. The public hearing is an opportunity for members of the public to provide testimony and evidence about the proposal as it relates to the criteria DMR must legally consider in evaluating a standard lease. At this juncture, DMR is unable to estimate when a public hearing will be scheduled but notice of the proceeding will be provided in accordance with applicable law.

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>.

To view a copy of the completed application, 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.