

STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES 21 STATE HOUSE STATION AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0021

> PATRICK C. KELIHER COMMISSIONER

October 7, 2022

To: Town of Islesboro Riparian landowners within 1,000 feet of the proposal Lease Applicant MEIF&W/DACF

The Department of Marine Resources (DMR) will hold a public hearing to take evidence on the lease application listed below. The hearing is being offered remotely and in-person. The schedule of proceedings (including the hearing) is also included below. **Please carefully review each date and event as some have important deadlines that may impact participation in the proceeding.**

Applicant Name and Lease Type	Islesboro Marine Enterprises, Inc.□ Experimental Lease⊠ Standard Lease
Culture Type	 □ Bottom culture (No gear) ⊠ Suspended culture (Gear on bottom and/or suspended)
Species	\boxtimes Shellfish \boxtimes Marine algae \square Finfish \square Other
General Location, Town	Northeast of Flat Island, Penobscot Bay, Islesboro
Acreage Requested	6.17
Lease Term Requested	20 years

Schedule of proceedings:

A. Registering to Participate

Anyone wishing to attend the hearing remotely or in-person is asked to register. <u>Persons</u> <u>intending to ask questions of the parties or testify about the proposed lease ("Interested</u> <u>Persons") must register with DMR to participate in this manner.</u>

Interested persons must register no later than 5:00 p.m. on October 31, 2022. Failure to register may limit your ability to participate in the proceeding. Persons who are unable to register online or need assistance with the form must contact DMR. The hearing registration form can be accessed here: https://www.maine.gov/dmr under "Meetings."

B. Applying for Intervenor Status

Intervenor applications must be **received** no later than 5:00 p.m. on October 31, 2022. Intervenor applications must be requested from DMR at the contact information below. DMR will decide whether to grant intervenor applications five days before the hearing. If you apply for and are granted intervenor status, you become a legal party to the proceeding.

C. Hearing

The hearing will be held as follows:

November 15, 2022, 12:00pm Town Office of Islesboro 150 Main Road, Islesboro, Maine 04848

The hearing will be held at the date and time listed above at the:

If the hearing is postponed or continued it may be held at the same time and location/format listed above on November 17, 2022. Notice of a postponement or continuance will be posted to DMR's website.

The hearing will be held in accordance with the adjudicatory proceeding provisions of the Maine Administrative Procedures Act (5 M.R.S.A., ch. 375, subchapter 4). Any interested person may attend the hearing and registered participants may ask questions of the parties or testify about the effect of the proposed lease.

Address questions to:

Maine Department of Marine Resources Attn: Aquaculture Division 21 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0021 (207) 624-6573 DMRaquaculture@maine.gov

For disability accommodations, contact Melissa Macaluso at: (207) 624-6553, <u>Melissa.Macaluso@maine.gov</u>; or 877-243-2823, TTY 711

RELEVANT AUTHORITY: Chapter 2 of DMR's regulations; 5 M.R.S.A. §9501 et seq. & 12 M.R.S.A. §6072(1) et seq., & 12 M.R.S.A. §6072-A(1) et seq.