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Date: June 7, 2023

To: Town of Phippsburg, Municipal Officials and Daniel Couture, Harbormaster
Lease applicant
Riparian (shorefront) landowners within 1,000 ft. of the aquaculture lease site
ME IF&W, and DACF
GovDelivery Aquaculture List

Re: Notice of Aquaculture Lease Hearing

The Department of Marine Resources (DMR) is holding a public hearing on two applications listed below:

<p>Applicant Name: Hermit Island Oyster Company, LLC Application Type: Standard Lease Culture Type: Suspended & Bottom Culture of Shellfish Location: New Meadows River, Phippsburg Acreage and Term Requested: 2.51 Acres (Application 1) & 0.62 Acres (Application 2) for 20 years</p>

The public hearings on the applications have been scheduled as follows:

JULY 11, 2023, 1:00 PM
PHIPPSBURG TOWN HALL
1042 Main Road
Phippsburg, ME

If the hearings listed above are postponed or continued, an alternate public hearing will be held on **JULY 12** at the same time and location. Notice of a postponement or a continuance will be posted on DMR's website. Application 1 will be considered first followed by Application 2.

REGISTERING FOR THE HEARING: The hearings will be conducted in accordance with the adjudicatory proceeding provisions of the Maine Administrative Procedure Act (5 M.R.S.A., ch. 375, subchapter 4). Persons wishing to attend the hearing(s) and ask questions of the parties or testify under oath about the effect of the proposed lease site(s) must register to participate. Interested persons need to complete an online registration form no later than **5:00 p.m., JUNE 26, 2023**. If you need assistance with the form, please contact DMR. Registration can be completed at: <https://www.maine.gov/dmr/aquaculture>

INTERVENING: Applications to intervene need to be received by DMR no later than **5:00 p.m., JUNE 26, 2023**. DMR will decide whether to grant intervenor applications five days before the hearing(s). If you are granted intervenor status, you become a legal party to the proceeding. Contact DMR for a copy of the intervenor application.

INFORMATION ON DMR WEBSITE: A copy of the application materials are posted to DMR's aquaculture webpage under 'Maine Aquaculture Leases and LPAs.'

Address questions to: ME DMR, (207) 557-1507, DMRaquaculture@maine.gov
For disability accommodations, contact: (207) 624-6553 or 877-243-2823, TTY 711

RELEVANT AUTHORITY: The rules governing the leasing program are found in Chapter 2 of DMR regulations. The statutory provisions are: 5 M.R.S.A. §9051 et seq. & 12 M.R.S.A. §6072(1) et seq., & 12 M.R.S.A. §6072-A(1) et seq.