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**Date:** January 30, 2026  
**To:** Town of Hancock, Municipal Officials and Harbormaster  
Lease applicant  
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 the aquaculture proposal listed below:

**APPLICATION DETAILS**

<b>Applicant Name:</b>	Taunton Bay Oyster Co., Inc.
<b>Location:</b>	Taunton Bay, Hancock
<b>Culture Type:</b>	Suspended Culture of Shellfish
<b>Application Type:</b>	Standard Lease
<b>Acreage Requested:</b>	7.46 acres
<b>Term Requested:</b>	20 years

The application and site report are posted to DMR’s aquaculture webpage under ‘Pending Lease Applications’. The application contains information about the proposal including the location of the site.

**HEARING DETAILS**

The public hearing on this application will be held remotely and in person as follows:

<b>Date:</b>	March 19, 2026
<b>Time:</b>	1:00 PM
<b>Venue Name:</b>	Moore Community Center
<b>Street Address:</b>	125 State Street
<b>Town:</b>	Ellsworth

If the hearing listed above is postponed or continued, an alternate public hearing will be held on **March 26, 2026**, at the same time and location. Notice of a postponement or a continuance will be posted on DMR’s website.

**REGISTERING FOR THE HEARING**

Persons wishing to attend the hearing and ask questions of the parties or testify under oath about the effect of the proposed lease must register to participate. The hearing will be conducted remotely (via Microsoft Teams) and in person in accordance with the adjudicatory proceeding provisions of the Maine Administrative Procedure Act (5 M.R.S.A., ch. 375, subchapter 4).

Interested persons need to complete an online registration form no later than **5:00 p.m., March 4, 2026**. If you need assistance completing the form, please contact DMR. Registration can be completed at: <https://www.maine.gov/dmr/aquaculture>

### **INTERVENOR APPLICATION**

Applications to intervene need to be received by DMR no later than **5:00 p.m., March 4, 2026**. DMR will decide whether to grant intervenor applications five days before the hearing. If you are granted intervenor status, you become a legal party to the proceeding. Contact DMR for a copy of the intervenor application.

**Address questions to DMR Aquaculture:** (207) 350-7815 / [DMRaquaculture@maine.gov](mailto: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.