

Important Information for Limited Purpose Aquaculture (LPA) Licenseholders

- 1. NO DISCHARGE:** The licensed activity must not generate a discharge. This means that no feed or other substances may be discharged into the water.
- 2. COPY OF LICENSE WHEN WORKING:** A license-holder or any designated assistants must be in possession of a copy of the approved LPA license in order to utilize, raise, lift, transfer, or possess any approved aquaculture gear or product. This requirement is not in effect when a hurricane warning issued by the National Weather Service is in effect for any coastal waters of the state.
- 3. BIOTOXINS AND POLLUTION CLOSURES:** Harvest of product shall be prohibited in areas closed due to marine biotoxins pursuant to Chapter 96 or bacterial contamination pursuant to Chapter 95. To check the water quality classification for your site visit DMR's website at the following link:
http://www.maine.gov/dmr/rm/public_health/closures/closedarea.htm
- 4. RECORDS:** Detailed records of landings and sales must be maintained. These records must include the LPA license number, site location, date, and data related to marine biotoxin analyses.
- 5. DMR MARKING:** Each site must be marked at each corner with buoys able to support letters at least 2" high, spelling "Sea Farm". Corner buoys must be distinguishable from interior markers and gear.
- 6. COAST GUARD MARKING:** Aquaculture gear deployed at an LPA license site must also be marked according to the United States Coast Guard Private Aids to Navigation standards. You must contact the U.S Coast Guard Private Aids to Navigation Office for approval of marking devices. Go to <http://www.usharbormaster.com/> and register on site to begin the application process. If you do not have internet access, you must call the District 1 office at 617-223-8358. You must submit any Coast Guard letter/restrictions to DMR.
- 7. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS PERMIT:** A permit from the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) is required prior to the placement or use of any gear in the license area. For more information, the Corps's web site is: www.nae.usace.army.mil.
- 8. SITE MAINTENANCE:** All aquaculture gear must be maintained and kept in a fully operational condition. The license-holder is obligated to collect and/or remove any loose or errant gear or equipment that is dislodged from the license site.
- 9. RENEWAL:** To renew LPA licenses for the following year, the applicant must submit a renewal application and payment before December 31. As of 2019, the applicant must also complete an educational requirement to be eligible for renewal. Information on this educational requirement will be sent out via the MDMR Gov Delivery listserv. To sign up, visit this website: <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/MEDMR/subscriber/new>.

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