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

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**Date:** May 13, 2025

**To:** Town of Sorrento Municipal Officials and Lou Sutherland, Jr., Harbormaster  
Lease applicant  
ME IF&W, and DACF  
GovDelivery Aquaculture List

**From:** Department of Marine Resources (DMR) Aquaculture Division

**Re:** Notice of Completed Aquaculture Application and Comment Period

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

Name of Applicant and Type	James West & Springtide Seaweed, LLC	<input type="checkbox"/> Experimental <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Renewal (FREN PI4)
Culture Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Bottom culture (No gear)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suspended culture (Bottom and/or surface gear)
Species	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shellfish	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marine algae <input type="checkbox"/> Finfish <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Waterbody, Town	Frenchman Bay, Sorrento	
Lease Size and Term	35.66 Acres	20 Years
Comment Submission Deadline	No later than 4:00 p.m. on June 14, 2025	DMR Attn: Aquaculture Division 21 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0021 <a href="mailto:DMRaquaculture@maine.gov">DMRaquaculture@maine.gov</a>

**COMMENT PERIOD:** The DMR announces a **30-day public comment period** during which interested persons may submit written comments or request a public hearing on the application. A hearing is optional unless DMR receives ten or more written requests from interested persons during the comment period. Please submit written comments or hearing requests by mail or email to the address provided above by the deadline.

**VIEW THE APPLICATION:** To view a copy of the completed application, please visit DMR's Aquaculture webpage. Applications are available under 'Maine Aquaculture Leases and LPAs.'

**CONTACT THE APPLICANT:** Please contact the applicant with any questions regarding their proposal. Contact information for the applicant can be found in their application.

**Relevant Authority:** 12 MRSA §§6072 (12), 6072-A (5) and DMR Rules Chapters 2.45 and 2.64.

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