



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

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COMMISSIONER

Date: July 21, 2026

To: Town of Friendship Municipal Officials, and Scott Delano, Harbormaster
Lease applicant
Riparian (shorefront) landowners within 1,000 ft. of the proposal
ME IF&W, and DACF
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From: Department of Marine Resources (DMR) Aquaculture Division

Re: Notice of Completed Aquaculture Application and Comment Period

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

Name of Applicant and Type	Joe Cutts	
Culture Type	☐ Bottom culture (No gear)	☒ Suspended culture (Bottom and/or surface gear)
Species	☒ Shellfish ☐ Marine algae ☐ Finfish ☐ Other	
Waterbody, Town	Morse's Bay, Friendship	
Lease Size and Term	.66 Acres	3 Years
Comment Submission Deadline	No later than 4:00 p.m. on August 22, 2026	DMR Attn: Aquaculture Division 21 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0021 DMRaquaculture@maine.gov

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.

RIPARIAN LANDOWNERS: This notice is sent to shorefront owners whose property boundaries are within 1,000 feet of the proposed lease site. The law requires that this notice and any subsequent notices be mailed to riparian landowners at the address on the riparian list contained in the application. Please note that the address on that list is based on municipal tax records in accordance with law. To receive updates via email, please sign up at the link below. Updates can be

filtered by coastal county or statewide. To sign up for electronic updates:

<https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/MEDMR/subscriber/new>.

For more information about participating in the aquaculture leasing process, please visit:

<https://www.maine.gov/dmr/aquaculture/public-participation-in-aquaculture-leasing>.

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-A (5) and DMR Rules Chapter 2.64.