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Date: March 17, 2022

To: Town of Freeport, Municipal Officers and Charles Tetreau, Harbormaster ME IF&W and DACF GovDelivery Aquaculture List

From: Department of Marine Resources (DMR) Aquaculture Division

Re: Notice of Completed Application

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

Applicant	Kenneth Curtis Sparta			
Culture Type	\boxtimes Bottom culture \boxtimes		Suspended culture	
	(No gear) (Bo		ttom and/or surface gear)	
Species	\boxtimes Shellfish	⊠Marine algae	\Box Finfish	□Other
Location, Waterbody, Town	West of Crab Island, Casco Bay, Freeport			
Lease Size and Term	8.25 Acres		20 Years	

The next step in the review process is a required site visit. DMR scientists will visit the proposed lease site and assess the area in consideration of applicable lease decision criteria. After the site review is complete, a site report will be published and posted to DMR's website. A public hearing will then be scheduled. The public hearing is an opportunity for members of the public to provide testimony and evidence about the proposal as it relates to the criteria DMR must legally consider in evaluating a standard lease. At this juncture, DMR is unable to estimate when a public hearing will be scheduled but notice of the proceeding will be provided in accordance with applicable law.

To view a copy of the completed application, please visit: <u>https://www.maine.gov/dmr/aquaculture/leases/pending/index.html</u>

To learn more about public participation in the leasing process, please visit: <u>https://www.maine.gov/dmr/aquaculture/public-participation.html</u>

Questions concerning this notice may be directed to the Aquaculture Division at (207) 624-6573 or <u>DMRaquaculture@maine.gov</u>