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Date: October 30, 2025

To: Town of West Bath Municipal Officials and Joe Vaillancourt, Harbormaster
Lease applicant
Riparian (shorefront) landowners within 1,000 ft. of proposed aquaculture lease site
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	Merritt Island Oysters	
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 type="checkbox"/> Marine algae <input type="checkbox"/> Finfish <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Location, Waterbody, Town	New Meadows River, West Bath	
Lease Size and Term	1.77 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.

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: A copy of the application is available on DMR's aquaculture webpage under 'Maine Aquaculture Leases and LPAs.'

CONTACT DMR: Questions concerning this notice may be directed to the Aquaculture Division at (207) 350-7815 or DMRaquaculture@maine.gov.