

State of Maine
Department of Marine Resources
Bureau of Public Health and Aquaculture

In Re: Bailey Coffin
Standard Lease Application

Pre-Filed Testimony of
Captain Coley Mulkern

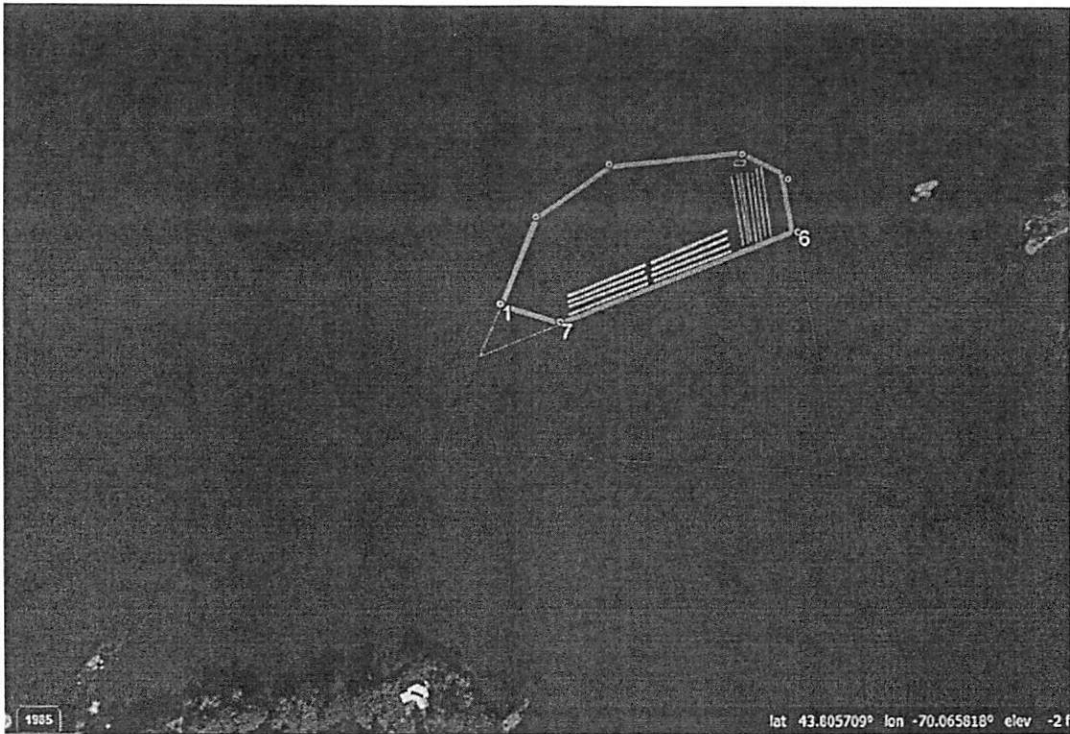
To whom it may concern,

My name is Captain Coley Mulkern. My family and I own and operate the ferry company which services residents of Bustins Island via the public boat ramp on the northeast side of Bustins. Our business has been supplying essential vehicle transportation to the Bustins Island community via this location for approximately 40 years now.

I became concerned when I learned of a proposed aquaculture project in the narrow channel which is our only access to the aforementioned boat ramp for vessels of our size. Our two ferries are 80' and 121' in length. They are by far the largest vessel which absolutely need to access this area with no option of going any other route.

Last year I attended the public hearing about Bailey Coffin's application to learn more and raise my concerns. To her credit, Ms. Coffin was very attentive and sympathetic to our needs for continued safe operations in that area. At that time Ms. Coffin asked if she were to move the southern most points of her gear to the north then would our ferries then be able to continue our operations safely. My reply was certainly, so long as they moved far enough to be clear of our vessels route.

After a few emails we mutually agreed on where her operations could take place without encumbering our ongoing ferry operations yet still be contained in her lease boundaries. The follow image shows what we both agreed upon:



The above image depicts the southernmost points, being #1 and #7, to be located at the following coordinates:

1: 43.805994, -70.066523

#7: 43.805897, -70.066141

So long as Bailey locates her gear as she has agreed, and I have no reason to doubt her, then we should be able to share this precious resource without conflict.

In closing I would like to commend Bailey Coffin for her career choice and wish her well. Nowadays it is very refreshing albeit quite rare to find a young person interested in any kind of maritime career let alone one that is as labor intensive as aquaculture. Thank you for hearing me out.

Sincerely,

/S/ Coley Mulkern
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Personally appeared before me Captain Coley Mulkern, who swore to the truth of the foregoing Pre-Filed Testimony.

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