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**Date:** May 14, 2024

**To:** Town of Bristol Municipal Officials, and Robert Ball, 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 two complete lease applications from the applicant listed below for the following:

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| <p><b>Applicant Name:</b> Muscongus Bay Kelp<br/><b>Application Type:</b> Two experimental proposals<br/><b>Culture Type:</b> Suspended<br/><b>Species:</b> Marine algae<br/><b>Application I:</b><br/><b>Location:</b> Muscongus Bay, Bristol<br/><b>Acreage and Term Requested:</b> 4 Acres for 3 Years<br/><b>Application II:</b><br/><b>Location:</b> Muscongus Sound, Bristol<br/><b>Acreage and Term Requested:</b> 4 Acres for 3 Years</p> |
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**Comment Period:** DMR announces a **30-day public comment period** during which interested persons may submit written comments or request a public hearing on the applications. A hearing is optional unless DMR receives five or more written requests from interested persons during the comment period. For reference, the applications are available on DMR's website and labeled: Muscongus Bay Kelp, App 1; and Muscongus Bay Kelp, App 2. Please specify which application the comment(s) or request(s) apply to (i.e., App 1 or App 2.). Written comments or hearing requests need to be submitted by mail or email to the address provided below **no later than 4:00 p.m. on June 15, 2024.**

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**View the Applications:** 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.