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**Date:** July 8, 2025

**To:** Town of South Bristol, Municipal Officials and Harbormaster  
Lease applicant  
Riparian landowners within 1,000 ft. of the proposed site  
ME IF&W, and DACF  
GovDelivery Aquaculture List

**Re:** Notice of Aquaculture Lease Hearing

The Department of Marine Resources (DMR) is holding a public hearing on the aquaculture proposal listed below:

**APPLICATION DETAILS**

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|---------------------------|---|
| <b>Applicant Name:</b>    | Nor'Easter Oyster Co.                     |
| <b>Location:</b>          | Johns River, South Bristol                |
| <b>Culture Type:</b>      | Suspended and Bottom Culture of Shellfish |
| <b>Application Type:</b>  | Experimental Lease                        |
| <b>Acreage Requested:</b> | 3.32 acres                                |
| <b>Term Requested:</b>    | 3 years                                   |

The application and site report are posted to DMR's aquaculture webpage under 'Pending Lease Applications'. The application contains information about the proposal including the location of the site.

**HEARING DETAILS**

The public hearing on this application will be held remotely and in person as follows:

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|------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Date:</b>           | August 12, 2025          |
| <b>Time:</b>           | 1:00 PM                  |
| <b>Venue Name:</b>     | Skidompha Public Library |
| <b>Street Address:</b> | 184 Main St.             |
| <b>Town:</b>           | Damariscotta, ME 04543   |

If the hearing listed above is postponed or continued, an alternate public hearing will be held on **August 13, 2025**, at the same time and location. Notice of a postponement or a continuance will be posted on DMR's website.

### **REGISTERING FOR THE HEARING**

Persons wishing to attend the hearing and ask questions of the parties or testify under oath about the effect of the proposed lease must register to participate. The hearing will be conducted remotely (via Microsoft Teams) and in person in accordance with the adjudicatory proceeding provisions of the Maine Administrative Procedure Act (5 M.R.S.A., ch. 375, subchapter 4).

Interested persons need to complete an online registration form no later than **5:00 p.m., July 28, 2025**. If you need assistance completing the form, please contact DMR. Registration can be completed at: <https://www.maine.gov/dmr/aquaculture>

### **INTERVENOR APPLICATION**

Applications to intervene need to be received by DMR no later than **5:00 p.m., July 28, 2025**. DMR will decide whether to grant intervenor applications five days before the hearing. If you are granted intervenor status, you become a legal party to the proceeding. Contact DMR for a copy of the intervenor application.

**Address questions to DMR Aquaculture:** (207) 350-7815 / [DMRaquaculture@maine.gov](mailto:DMRaquaculture@maine.gov)

For disability accommodations, contact: (207) 624-6553, or 877-243-2823, TTY 711

RELEVANT AUTHORITY: The rules governing the leasing program are found in Chapter 2 of DMR regulations. The statutory provisions are: 5 M.R.S.A. §9051 et seq. & 12 M.R.S.A. §6072(1) et seq., & 12 M.R.S.A. §6072-A(1) et seq.