

STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES 21 STATE HOUSE STATION AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0021

PATRICK C. KELIHER COMMISSIONER

Date: March 4, 2025

To: Town of Newcastle Municipal Officers and Bernie Delisle, Harbormaster Lease amendment applicant Riparian (shorefront) landowners within 1,000 ft. of the proposal ME IF&W, and DACF GovDelivery

From: Department of Marine Resources (DMR), Aquaculture Division

Re: Notice of Lease Amendment Application

DMR has received a completed lease amendment application for the following:

Lease Acronym	DAM PPN	
Applicant	Norumbega Oysters, Inc.	
Waterbody, Town	Damariscotta River, Newcastle	
Proposed Amendment	□ Species change	⊠ Gear change
Comment Submission Deadline	No later than 4:00 pm on March 20, 2025	DMR Attn: Aquaculture Division 21 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0021 DMRaquaculture@maine.gov

COMMENT PERIOD: DMR announces a **14-day public comment period** during which interested persons may submit written comments to DMR on the proposed amendment(s). Please submit written comments by mail or email to the address provided above by the deadline.

RIPARIAN LANDOWNERS: You are receiving this notice because you are a shorefront owner 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 you 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. If you would also like to receive updates via email or text, please sign up at the link below. You can sign up to receive electronic updates by coastal county. To sign up for electronic updates: https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/MEDMR/subscriber/new about aquaculture For more information the 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 THE APPLICANT: Please contact the applicant with any questions regarding their proposed amendment(s). Contact information for the applicant can be found in their application.



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DMR PROCEDURE: After the comment submission deadline, DMR will review the proposed amendment application and all comments received. DMR may grant proposed lease amendment(s) if they do not violate any of the lease decision criteria, are consistent with the original lease decision, and do not violate any of the conditions set forth in the original lease. No hearing will be held on this amendment application. If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact the Aquaculture Division (207) 350-7815 or <u>DMRaquaculture@maine.gov</u>