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04333-0021

CARL J. WILSON
COMMISSIONER

July 20, 2026

Sent via First Class mail to:

To: Town of Yarmouth
Owners of riparian land within 1,000 feet of CAS MI

Re: CAS MI Lease Assignment Application, Butterfield Shellfish, LLC

Dear Stakeholder:

The standard aquaculture lease CAS MI, formerly held by Keith Butterfield, was recently terminated. A lease that has been terminated may be assigned to another person or entity, but only after DMR conducts an assignment process in accordance with 12 M.R.S.A. § 6072(11-A).

The Department initiated the lease assignment process and has reviewed the lease assignment proposal for CAS MI submitted by Butterfield Shellfish, LLC. The Department has determined that the proposal is eligible for consideration as it meets the requirements set forth in 12 M.R.S.A. § 6072(11-A)(B)(1)-(5). Pursuant to 12 M.R.S.A. § 6072(11-A)(C)(1), the proposal submitted by Butterfield Shellfish has been selected for assignment. Please note that this is not a final decision about the proposal.

Pursuant to 12 M.R.S.A. § 6072(11-A)(D), the Department must give notice of the pending assignment to the public, owners of riparian land within 1,000 feet of the lease site, and the municipality in which the lease is located, who all have an opportunity to submit written comments on the proposed assignment within 14 days. After the close of the comment period, the Department may assign the lease to Butterfield Shellfish, or it may decline to assign the lease, in which case it could solicit new proposals or suspend the assignment process.

If you would like to submit a comment on the lease assignment proposal, please review the information below:

1. Review a copy of the assignment proposal, which is available at the link below. The assignment proposal is posted to the second table on the webpage.
<https://www.maine.gov/dmr/aquaculture/maine-aquaculture-leases-and-lpas/pending-lease-applications>.
2. Make sure your written comment is submitted via mail or email (contact below) to the Department by 5:00 p.m. on August 8, 2026. Late filings are not accepted.

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Written comments must be submitted, via mail or email, to:

Maine Department of Marine Resources
Attn: Aquaculture Division
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DMRaquaculture@maine.gov

If you have questions about this notice, please contact the Aquaculture Division at DMRaquaculture@maine.gov or 207-350-7815. The Aquaculture Division strives to respond to inquiries within 48 hours of receipt, Monday-Friday, except for state holidays or closures.

Sincerely,

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