

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

> PATRICK C. KELIHER COMMISSIONER

The Department of Marine Resources (DMR) is holding a public hearing on the proposal listed below. Please carefully review the schedule of proceedings as there are important deadlines regarding participation.

Applicant Name: Michael E. & Mark L. Gaffney Application Type: Standard Lease Culture Type: Suspended & Bottom Culture of Shellfish Waterbody and Town: Robinhood Cove, Georgetown Acreage and Term Requested: 7 Acres for 20 years

Schedule of proceedings:

## 1. Registering to Participate and Apply for Intervenor Status

A. Registration: Anyone wishing to attend the hearing is asked to register. <u>Persons</u> <u>intending to ask questions of the parties or testify about the proposed lease</u> <u>("Interested Persons") must register with DMR to participate in this manner.</u> Failure to register will limit your ability to participate in the proceeding. Persons who are unable to register online or need assistance with the form must contact DMR.

B. Intervening: Intervenor applications must be requested from DMR at the contact information below. DMR will decide whether to grant intervenor status five days before the hearing. If you are granted intervenor status, you become a legal party to the proceeding.

The deadline to register is 5:00 p.m. on October 31, 2023. Applications to intervene must also be **received** by this date and time.

## 2. Hearing

The hearing will be held in person as follows:

November 15, 2023 at 1:00pm Georgetown Community Center 19 Old Schoolhouse Rd Georgetown, ME 04548

If the hearing listed above is postponed or continued, it will be held on November 16, 2023, at the same time and location. Notice of a postponement or a continuance will be posted on DMR's website.

The hearing will be conducted in accordance with the adjudicatory proceeding provisions of the Maine Administrative Procedure Act (5 M.R.S.A., ch. 375, subchapter 4). Any interested person may attend the hearing and registered participants may ask questions of the parties or testify about the application(s).

Registration is available at: <u>https://www.maine.gov/dmr/aquaculture.</u> The respective application is posted to DMR's aquaculture webpage under "Pending Lease Applications."

> Address questions to: Maine Department of Marine Resources Attn: Aquaculture Division 21 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0021 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.