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AQUACULTURE PUBLIC SCOPING SESSION

November 30, 2020

6:00 p.m.

Remote scoping session conducted via Zoom

The Department of Marine Resources has received two draft aquaculture lease applications for the following:

Application No. 1:

Applicant	Hermit Island Oyster Company, LLC	
Culture Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bottom culture (No gear)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suspended culture (Gear on bottom and/or suspended)
Species	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shellfish	<input type="checkbox"/> Marine algae <input type="checkbox"/> Finfish <input type="checkbox"/> Other
General Location, Town	Hermit Island, Small Point Harbor, New Meadows River, Phippsburg	
Lease Size and Term	2.56 Acres	Lease Term: 20 years

Application No. 2:

Applicant	Hermit Island Oyster Company, LLC	
Culture Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Bottom culture (No gear)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suspended culture (Gear on bottom and/or suspended)
Species	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shellfish	<input type="checkbox"/> Marine algae <input type="checkbox"/> Finfish <input type="checkbox"/> Other
General Location, Town	Hermit Island, Small Point Harbor (the Branch), New Meadows River, Phippsburg	
Lease Size and Term	0.62 Acres	Lease Term: 20 years

If the scoping session listed above is cancelled, an alternate scoping session will be held on **December 1, 2020**, at the same time and via Zoom. Notice of a cancellation will be posted on the Department's website at <https://www.maine.gov/dmr/index.html>.

What is a scoping session?

A scoping session is a meeting where the applicant explains their tentative proposal to members of the public. It's an opportunity for members of the public to provide feedback on the proposal, prior to the applicant submitting a final application and an eventual public hearing. **This meeting does not determine whether the proposal will be granted.**

How to participate:

You can participate remotely or submit written comments on the proposal. The deadline for submitting written comments is **5:00 p.m. on date December 14, 2020**. All written comments will be forwarded to the applicant for their consideration as they work on their final proposal. A copy of the draft lease application is available on DMR's website at:

<http://www.maine.gov/dmr/aquaculture/leases/draftstandardapps.html>.

For Zoom access information, please visit:

<http://www.maine.gov/dmr/aquaculture/leases/draftstandardapps.html>.

If you have questions about the proposal, please contact the applicant whose contact information is in the draft proposal.

Written comments or questions may be sent via mail or e-mail to:

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