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October 17, 2022

To: Town of Trenton Renewal and Transfer applicant Riparian landowners within 1,000 feet of the proposals ME DACF and ME IF&W

The Department of Marine Resources (DMR) has scheduled a hearing on the renewal application listed below. *Please carefully review the schedule of proceedings as there are important deadlines regarding participation.*

Name of lease holder: Acadia Sea Farms, Inc Lease ID: BHB GC4 Requested renewal term: 20 years Location: Blue Hill Bay, Trenton The lease holder is also proposing to transfer the lease

The lease holder is also proposing to transfer the lease site to Acadia Aquafarms LLC. DMR will take comment about the proposed transfer request during the renewal proceeding.

Schedule of proceedings:

1. Pre-hearing conference

November 2, 2022 10:00 a.m.

Remote participation via Microsoft Teams

The pre-hearing conference is a meeting to discuss the general administration of the hearing. Attendance is recommended for anyone who may apply for intervenor status.

The deadline to register for the pre-hearing conference is 5:00 p.m. on October 31, 2022

2. Registering to Participate and Apply for Intervenor Status

A. Registration: Anyone wishing to attend the hearing is asked to register. <u>Persons intending to ask</u> <u>questions of the parties or testify about the renewal or transfer ("Interested Persons") must register</u> <u>with DMR to participate in this manner.</u> Failure to register may 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 November 21, 2022. Applications to intervene must also be **received** by this date and time.

3. Hearing

The hearing will be held in-person as follows:

December 6, 2022 4:00 p.m. Trenton Town Hall 59 Oak Point Rd, Trenton, 04605. The hearing may be continued on December 7th, 15th, or 16th at the same time and location. Notice of a continuance will be posted to DMR's website.

The hearing will be held in accordance with the adjudicatory proceeding provisions of the Maine Administrative Procedures 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).

All registration forms are available at: <u>https://www.maine.gov/dmr/aquaculture</u>. The respective applications are 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 (207) 624-6573 DMRaquaculture@maine.gov

For disability accommodations, contact Melissa Macaluso at: (207) 624-6553, <u>Melissa.Macaluso@maine.gov</u>; or 877-243-2823, TTY 711

RELEVANT AUTHORITY: Chapter 2 of DMR's regulations; 5 M.R.S.A. §9501 et seq. & 12 M.R.S.A. §6072(1) et seq., & 12 M.R.S.A. §6072-A(1) et seq.