



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

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**Date:** August 26, 2025

**To:** Town of Lubec Municipal Officials and Ralph Dennison, Harbormaster  
Lease applicant  
Riparian (shorefront) landowners within 1,000 ft. of the proposal  
ME IF&W, and DACF  
GovDelivery Aquaculture List

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

**Re:** Re-notice of Completed Aquaculture Application and Comment Period

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

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| Name of Applicant and Type     | Cooke Aquaculture USA, Inc.                                                                                                                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Renewal (COB RN2)                                                                                                           |
| Culture Type                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Bottom culture<br>(No gear)                                                                                                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suspended culture<br>(Bottom and/or surface gear)                                                                           |
| Species                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Shellfish <input type="checkbox"/> Marine algae <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Finfish <input type="checkbox"/> Other |                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Waterbody, Town                | Cobscook Bay, Lubec                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Lease Size and Term            | 32.14 Acres                                                                                                                                         | 20 Years                                                                                                                                                        |
| Comment Submission<br>Deadline | No later than 4:00 p.m. on<br>September 28, 2025                                                                                                    | DMR<br>Attn: Aquaculture Division<br>21 State House Station<br>Augusta, ME 04333-0021<br><a href="mailto:DMRaquaculture@maine.gov">DMRaquaculture@maine.gov</a> |

**COMMENT PERIOD:**

- This site was previously noticed and received hearing requests. However, a recent law change made renewal proceedings non-adjudicatory, so hearings are no longer part of the renewal process. This proposal is being re-noticed with a 30-day public comment period to provide stakeholders with an opportunity to submit additional feedback.
- Written comments must be submitted by mail **or** email to the address provided above by the deadline. For full consideration, the comments should address one or more of the lease renewal decision criteria.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

To view the respective renewal application, please visit DMR's aquaculture webpage. Pending applications are available under 'Maine Aquaculture Leases and LPAs'

To learn more about the law change and access additional resources specific to lease renewals, including decision criteria, please visit <https://www.maine.gov/dmr/aquaculture> and see “Announcements.”

**Relevant Authority:** 12 MRSA §6072 (12) and DMR Rules Chapter 2.45