

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

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COMMISSIONER

Date: July 1, 2025

To: Towns of Cumberland & Chebeague Island Municipal Officials and Matt Merriman & Genaro

Balzano, Harbormasters

Lease applicant 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

DMR has received a completed lease application for the proposal listed below. Please note that the application previously listed the site as being in Yarmouth. However, the site is in Cumberland and Chebeague Island and is being re-noticed accordingly. Please submit comments or hearing requests by the comment deadline noted below.

Name of Applicant and Type	Joe Parker	⊠Experimental
Culture Type	☐ Bottom culture ☐ Suspended culture	
	(No gear) (Bo	ttom and/or surface gear)
Species	☐Shellfish ☐Marine algae	☐Finfish ☐Other
Waterbody, Town	Casco Bay, Cumberland & Chebeague Island	
Lease Size and Term	4 Acres	3 Years
Comment Submission Deadline		DMR
	No later than 4:00 p.m. on August 2, 2025	Attn: Aquaculture Division
		21 State House Station
		Augusta, ME 04333-0021
		DMRaquaculture@maine.gov

COMMENT PERIOD: The DMR announces a **30-day public comment period** during which interested persons may submit written comments or request a public hearing on the application. A hearing is optional unless DMR receives ten or more written requests from interested persons during the comment period. Please submit written comments or hearing requests by mail or email to the address provided above by the deadline.

RIPARIAN LANDOWNERS: You are receiving this notice because you are a shorefront owner whose property boundaries are within 1,000 feet of the proposed lease site. The law requires that this notice and any subsequent notices be mailed to you at the address on the riparian list contained in the application. Please note that the address on that list is based on municipal tax records in accordance with law. If you would also like to receive updates via email, please sign up at the link below. You can sign up to receive

electronic updates by coastal county. To sign up for electronic updates: https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/MEDMR/subscriber/new.

For more information about the aquaculture leasing process, please visit: https://www.maine.gov/dmr/aquaculture/public-participation-in-aquaculture-leasing.

VIEW THE APPLICATION: To view a copy of the completed application, please visit DMR's Aquaculture webpage. Applications are available under 'Maine Aquaculture Leases and LPAs.'

CONTACT THE APPLICANT: Please contact the applicant with any questions regarding their proposal. Contact information for the applicant can be found in their application.

Relevant Authority: 12 MRSA §§ 6072 (12), 6072-A (5) and DMR Rules Chapters 2.45 and 2.64.

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