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AUGUSTA, MAINE
04333-0021

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Date: March 4, 2025

To: Town of Newcastle Municipal Officials, and Bernie Delisle, Harbormaster
Lease applicant
Riparian (shorefront) landowners within 1,000 ft. of the proposal
ME IF&W, and DACF
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From: Department of Marine Resources (DMR) Aquaculture Division

Re: Notice of Completed Aquaculture Application and Comment Period

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

Name of Applicant and Type	Ryan McPherson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Experimental <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal (acronym)
Culture Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Bottom culture (No gear)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suspended culture (Bottom and/or surface gear)
Species	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shellfish	<input type="checkbox"/> Marine algae <input type="checkbox"/> Finfish <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Waterbody, Town	Damariscotta River, Newcastle	
Lease Size and Term	0.45 Acres	3 Years
Comment Submission Deadline	No later than 4:00 p.m. on April 5, 2025	DMR 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 or text, 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.