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Sent via Email and Mail To: Norfam Corporation Attn: Courtney Mac, Mac Page LLC <u>courtney.mac@wipfli.com</u>

From: Department of Marine Resources (DMR) Aquaculture Division

Re: Scoping Session Scheduled for Standard Lease Draft Application, Maine Island Aquaculture

DMR has received a draft aquaculture lease application from Maine Island Aquaculture LLC., for a 15-acre lease to culture marine algae and shellfish west of Hog Island and northeast of Boy Scout Island in Marsh Cove, North Haven.

The applicants notified DMR that you are a possible landowner within 1,000 feet of the proposed site and may not have received personal notification of this draft application. As such, we would like to inform you that a scoping session (i.e., public meeting) on this draft proposal has been scheduled by the applicant on January 22, 2020 at 6:30pm at the North Haven Town Office.

Scoping sessions are required to be held by the prospective standard lease applicant after submitting a draft application to DMR. The scoping session is an **open, informal meeting** that is intended to:

- Familiarize the public with the draft proposal;
- Allow the public an opportunity to provide the applicant with additional local information prior to development of a final application; and
- Allow the public an opportunity to ask questions of the applicant.

It is our understanding that you have already been in touch with the applicant, and we encourage you to continue to contact them with any questions you may have regarding their application and proposed activities.

To review a copy of the draft application, please visit DMR's website at: <u>https://www.maine.gov/dmr/aquaculture/leases/draftstandardapps.html</u>

If you have questions or concerns, please contact: <u>DMRaquaculture@maine.gov</u>

Thank you,

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