



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

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Date: August 25, 2026

To: Town of Franklin Municipal Officers and Harbormaster
Lease amendment applicant
Riparian (shorefront) landowners within 1,000 ft. of the proposal
ME IF&W, and DCF
Aquaculture email listserv

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

Re: Notice of Lease Amendment Application

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

Lease Acronym	TAUN HB4	
Applicant	Taunton Bay Oyster Co., Inc.	
Waterbody, Town	Taunton & Hogs Bay, Franklin	
Proposed Amendment	☐ Species change ☒ Gear change	
Comment Submission Deadline	No later than 4:00 pm on September 10, 2026	DMR Attn: Aquaculture Division 21 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0021 DMRaquaculture@maine.gov

COMMENT PERIOD: DMR announces a **14-day public comment period** during which interested persons may submit written comments to DMR on the proposed amendment(s). Please submit written comments by mail or email to the address provided above by the deadline.

RIPARIAN LANDOWNERS: This notice is sent to shorefront owners 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 riparian landowners 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. To receive updates via email, please sign up at the link below. Updates can be filtered by coastal county or statewide. To sign up for electronic updates:

<https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/MEDMR/subscriber/new>.

For more information about participating in the aquaculture leasing process, please visit:

<https://www.maine.gov/dmr/aquaculture/public-participation-in-aquaculture-leasing>.

VIEW THE APPLICATION: A copy of the application is available on DMR's aquaculture webpage under 'Maine Aquaculture Leases and LPAs.'

CONTACT THE APPLICANT: Please contact the applicant with any questions regarding their proposed amendment(s). Contact information for the applicant can be found in their application.

DMR PROCEDURE: After the comment submission deadline, DMR will review the proposed amendment application and all comments received. DMR may grant proposed lease amendment(s) if they do not violate any of the lease decision criteria, are consistent with the original lease decision, and do not violate any of the conditions set forth in the original lease. No hearing will be held on this amendment application. If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact the Aquaculture Division (207) 350-7815 or DMRaquaculture@maine.gov