

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

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Date: March 28, 2023

To: Town of Steuben, Municipal Officials and Elwood Pinkham, 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:** Notice of Completed Aquaculture Applications and Comment Periods

The DMR has received two complete lease applications from each of the applicants listed below for the following:

Name of Applicants: Randy Pinkham and Victor A. Sokoloski Lease Type: Experimental (two applications submitted by each applicant) Culture Type: Suspended Species: Marine algae Size and Term: 3.99 acres, 3 Years Location: Pigeon Hill Bay, Steuben

**Comment Period:** DMR announces a **30-day public comment period** during which interested persons may submit written comments or request a public hearing on the applications. A hearing is optional unless DMR receives five or more written requests from interested persons during the comment period. For reference, the applications are available on DMR's website and labeled: Pinkham, App 1; Pinkham, App 2; Sokoloski, App 1; and Sokoloski App 2. Please specify which application the comment(s) or request(s) apply to (i.e. Pinkham App 1, etc.). Written comments or hearing requests need to be submitted by mail or email to the address provided below **no later than 4:00 p.m. on April 29, 2023.** 

Maine Department of Marine Resources Attn: Aquaculture Division 21 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0021 <u>DMRaquaculture@maine.gov</u>

**View the Applications:** 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-A (5) and DMR Rules Chapter 2.64.