



Applicant's Presentation Proposed Experimental Lease for Whiskey Stones LLC

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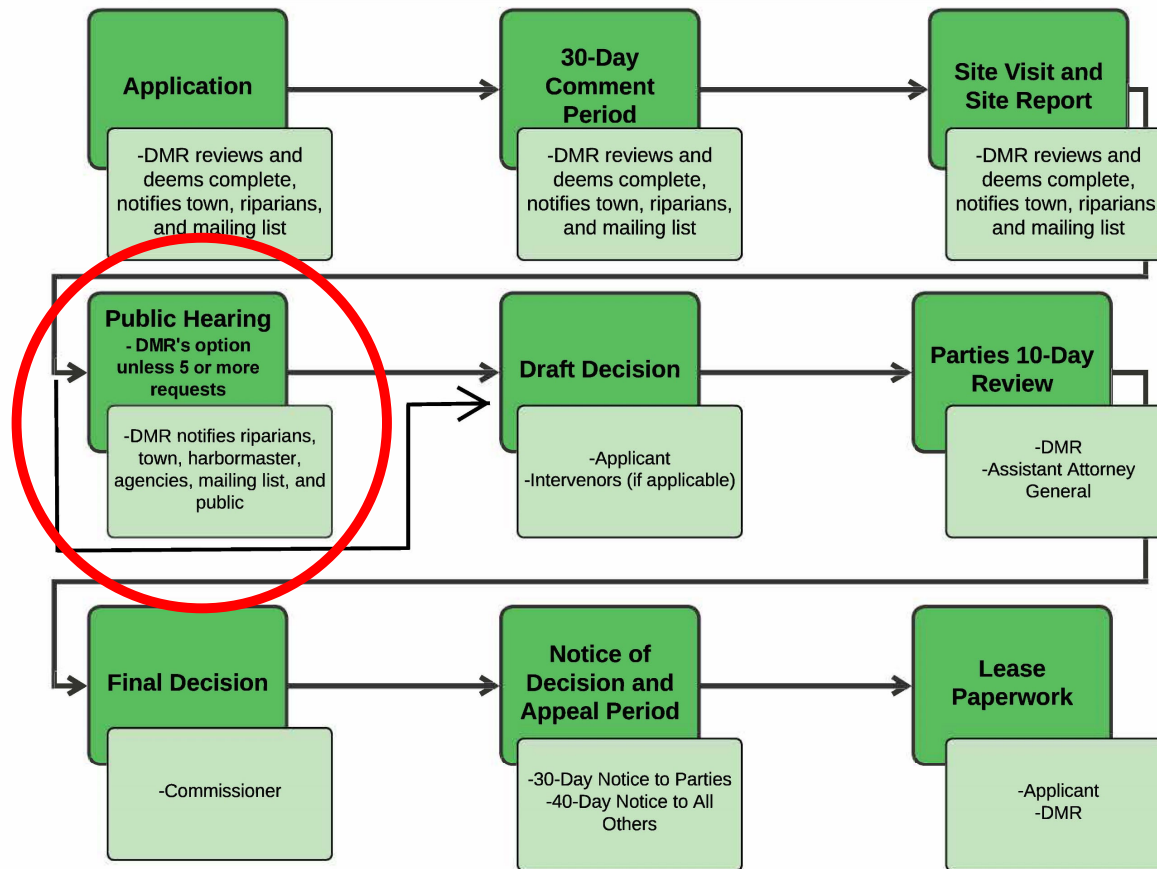
A little bit of background...

- Farm has been in operation since 2019
- Partnership with local lobsterman
- Side hustle that became full time post-Pandemic
- Selling to local markets since late 2020
- Submitted proposal to expand the farm in December 2020



Maine DMR Experimental Lease Application Process

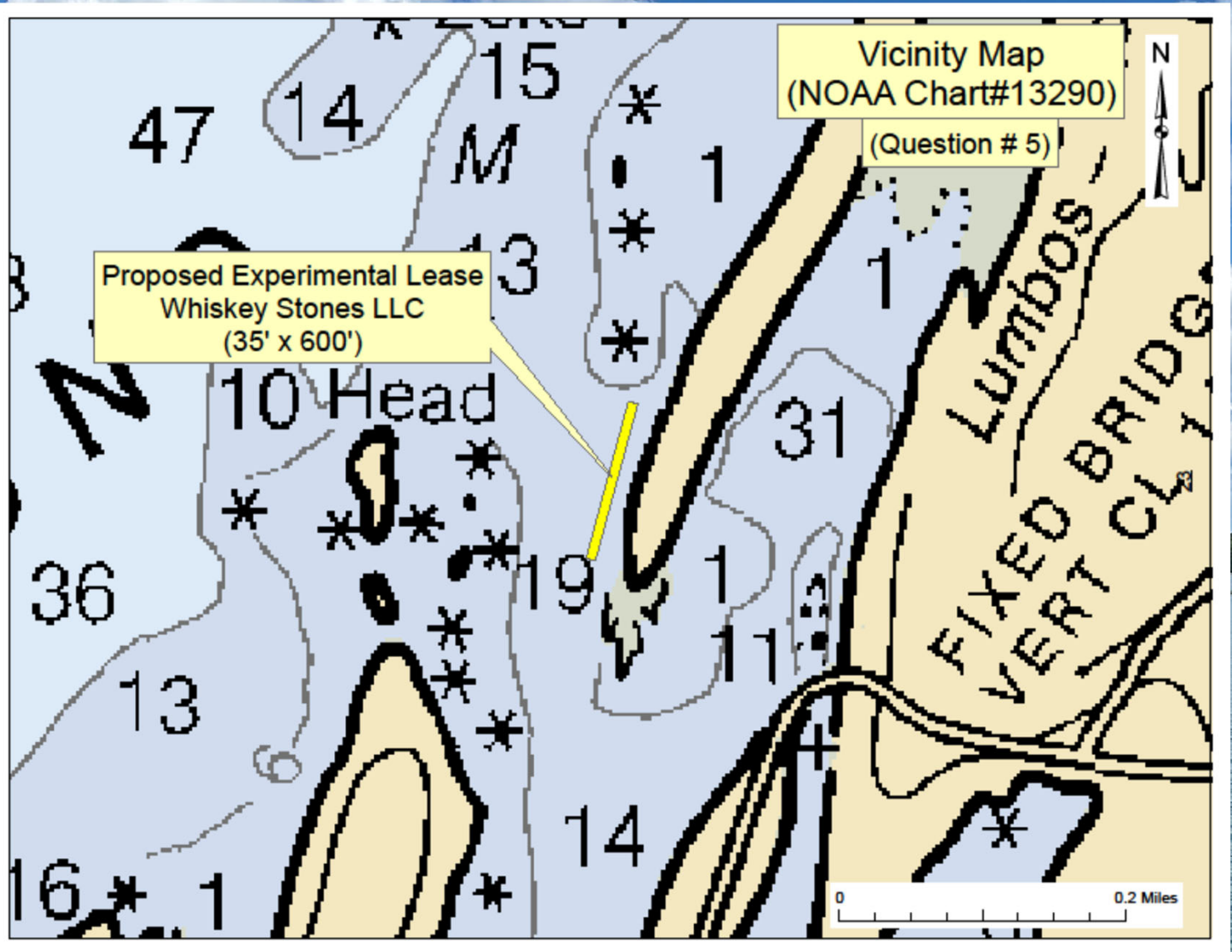
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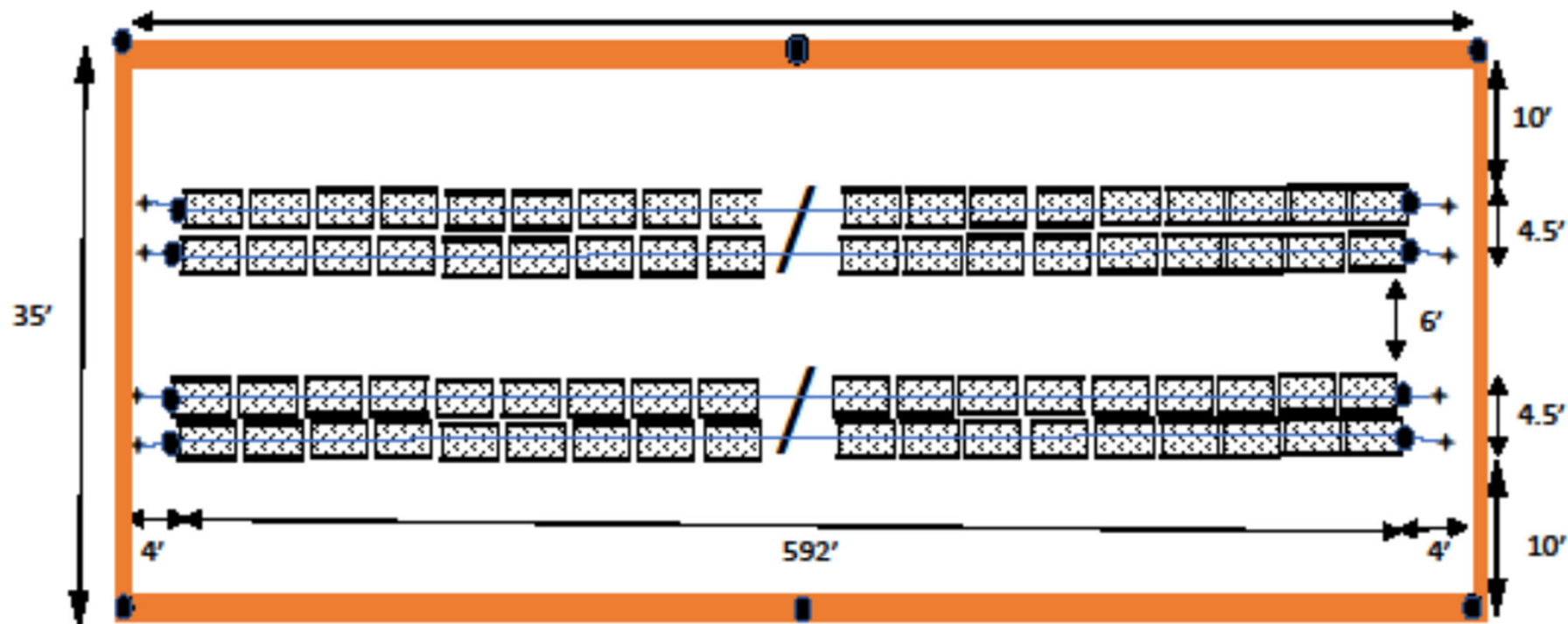
Criteria for Experimental Lease Decisions

- The ingress and egress of riparian owners
- Navigation
- Fishing or other uses of the area
- The ability of the site and surrounding areas to support ecologically significant flora and fauna
- The public use or enjoyment within 1,000 feet of beaches, parks, or docks owned by local, state, or federal governments or **certain government-owned conserved land.
- The applicant must demonstrate that there is an available source of organisms to be cultured for the lease site.

<https://www.maine.gov/dmr/sites/maine.gov/dmr/files/docs/leasehearingsandcriteria.pdf>



Total Area = 21,000 ft² (0.482 acres)



Actual Gear Area = 5,328 ft² (0.122 acres)

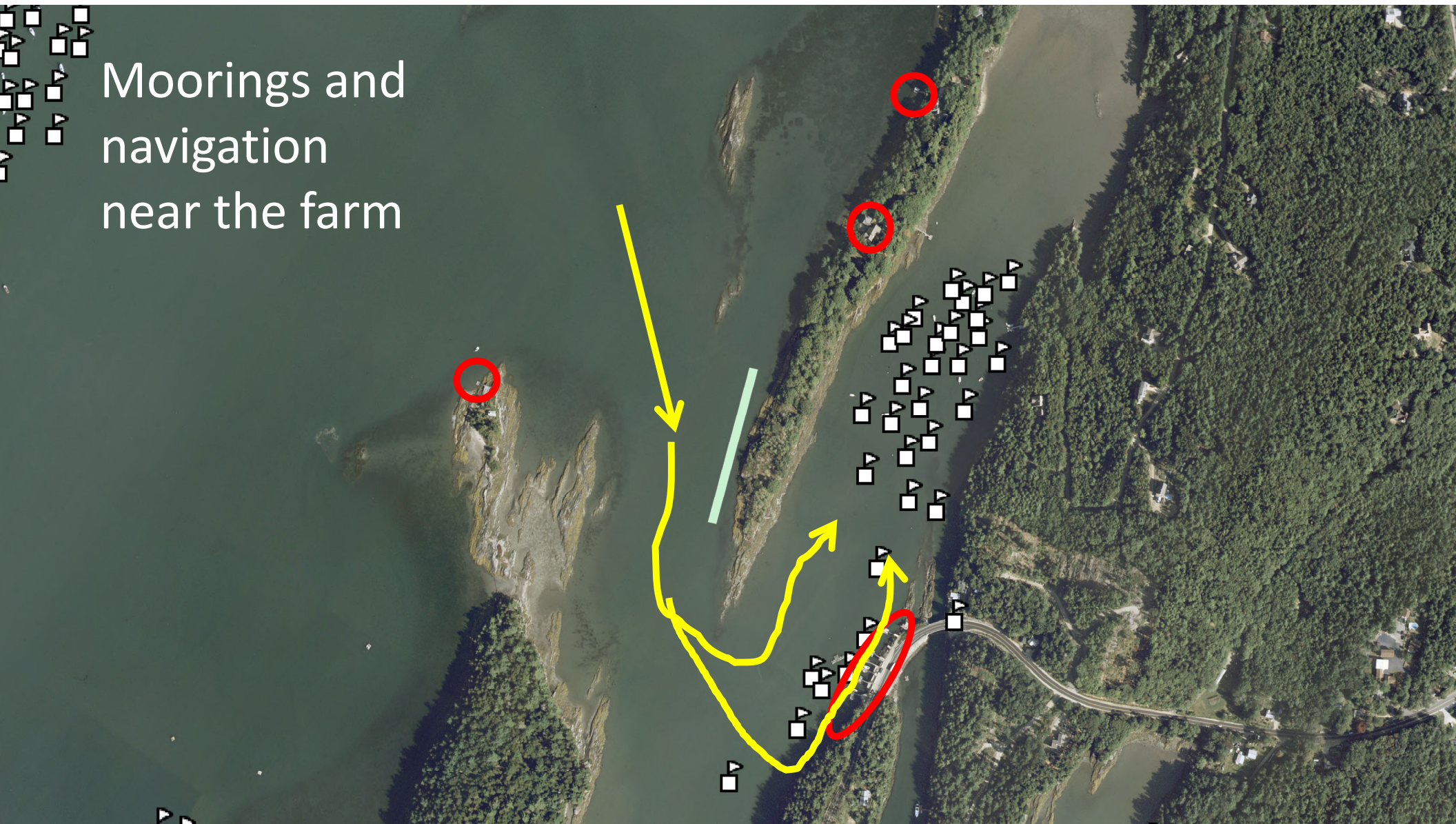


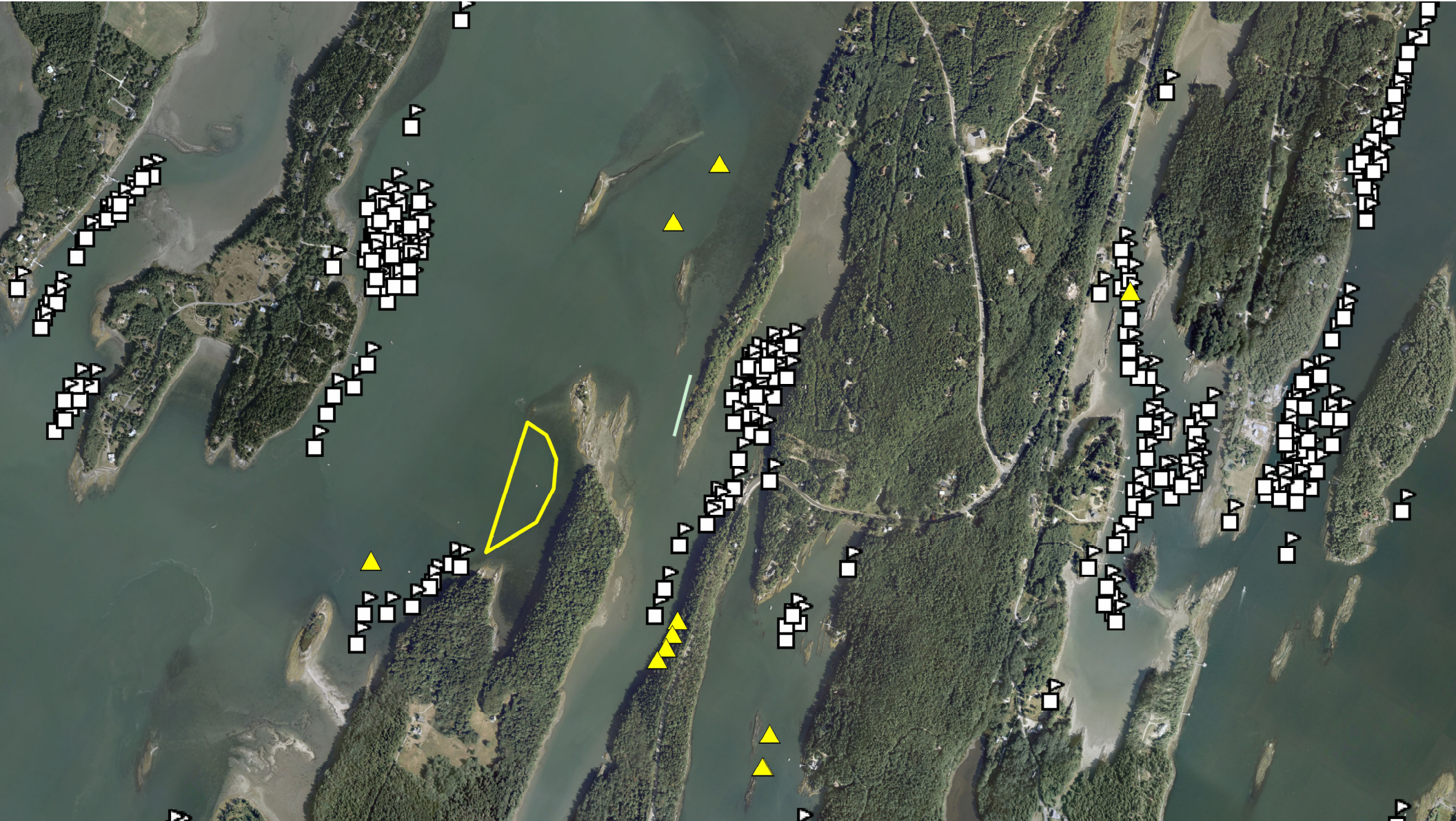


Homes and docks
near the farm



Moorings and navigation near the farm







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