



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

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COMMISSIONER

**Date:** October 6, 2026

**To:** Town of Harpswell Municipal Officials and Harbormaster  
Lease applicant  
Riparian (shorefront) landowners within 1,000 ft. of proposed aquaculture lease site  
ME IF&W, and DCF  
Aquaculture email listserv

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

**Re:** Notice of Completed Standard Lease Conversion Application

The DMR has received a completed application to convert an experimental lease to a standard lease under 12 MRSA §6072 (12-D). In evaluating the proposed lease conversion, DMR considers the criteria specified in 12 MRSA §6072(7-A). Please review the following:

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| Lease Acronym               | HARP LHx                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Applicant                   | Whiskey Stones, LLC                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 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             | Harpswell Sound, Harpswell                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Lease Size and Term         | 0.41 Acres                                                                                                                                          | 20 Years                                                                                                                                                        |
| Comment Submission Deadline | No later than 4:00 p.m. on November 7, 2026                                                                                                         | DMR<br>Attn: Aquaculture Division<br>21 State House Station<br>Augusta, ME 04333-0021<br><a href="mailto:DMRaquaculture@maine.gov">DMRaquaculture@maine.gov</a> |

**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:** 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:** 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-D)