

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

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**Date:** October 3, 2023

To: Town of Chebeague Island, Municipal Officials and Genaro Balzano, 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 Application and Comment Period

Name of Applicant and Type	Wild Ocean Aquaculture, LLC	□Experimental ⊠Renewal (CAS BA2)
Culture Type	<ul> <li>□ Bottom culture</li> <li>(No gear)</li> <li>☑ Suspended culture</li> <li>(Bottom and/or surface gear)</li> </ul>	
Species	⊠ Shellfish ⊠Marine algae	□Finfish □Other
Waterbody, Town	Casco Bay, Chebeague Island	
Lease Size and Term	2 Acres	20 Years
Comment Submission Deadline	No later than 4:00 p.m. on November 4, 2023	DMR Attn: Aquaculture Division 21 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0021 <u>DMRaquaculture@maine.gov</u>

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

**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 five 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.

**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), 6072-A (5) and DMR Rules Chapters 2.45 and 2.64.