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**Date:** November 18, 2021

**To:** Town of Southport, Municipal Officials and Jim Gagnon, Harbormaster  
Riparian (shorefront) landowners within 1,000 ft. of proposed aquaculture lease site  
ME IF&W and DACF  
GovDelivery Aquaculture List

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

**Re:** Notice of Completed Application

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

Applicant	Morning Star Fisheries LLC	
Culture Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Bottom culture (No gear)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suspended culture (Bottom and/or surface gear)
Species	<input type="checkbox"/> Shellfish	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marine algae <input type="checkbox"/> Finfish <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Location, Waterbody, Town	Sheepscot River, West of Boston Island, Southport	
Lease Size and Term	4.5 Acres	20 Years

The next step in the review process is a required site visit. DMR scientists will visit the proposed lease site and assess the area in consideration of applicable lease decision criteria. After the site review is complete, a site report will be published and posted to DMR's website. A public hearing will then be scheduled. The public hearing is an opportunity for members of the public to provide testimony and evidence about the proposal as it relates to the criteria DMR must legally consider in evaluating a standard lease. At this juncture, DMR is unable to estimate when a public hearing will be scheduled but notice of the proceeding will be provided in accordance with applicable law.

To view a copy of the completed application, please visit:

<https://www.maine.gov/dmr/aquaculture/leases/pending/index.html>

To learn more about public participation in the leasing process, please visit:

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

Questions concerning this notice may be directed to the Aquaculture Division at (207) 624-6573 or [DMRaquaculture@maine.gov](mailto:DMRaquaculture@maine.gov)