(Heading – black bar w/ DMR Logo) AQUACULTURE PUBLIC HEARING

SEPTEMBER 27, 2016 @ 1:00 P.M.
CHEBEAGUE ISLAND HALL COMMUNITY CENTER
247 SOUTH ROAD
CHEBEAGUE ISLAND, ME

The Department of Marine Resources will hold a public hearing on the application of Ocean Approved, LLC for a 3.03-acre, 10-year, aquaculture lease located west/southwest of Great Chebeague Island, Casco Bay, Chebeague Island, Maine, for suspended culture of sugar kelp, horsetail kelp, and winged kelp. Other compatible uses of the site would be permitted. At the hearing, the Department will take evidence relating to the criteria for granting a lease as listed in 12 M.R.S. §6072(7-A) and DMR Rule Chapter 2.37, including the effect of the proposed lease upon riparian owners' shore access, navigation, fishing, ecology, and other uses of the area.

ALTERNATE HEARING DATE: If the September 27, 2016 hearing is postponed or cannot be concluded by a reasonable hour, the hearing will be continued on September 29, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. at the same location, and a notice will be posted at www.maine.gov/dmr/index.html, under "Meetings".

INFORMATION ON DMR WEBSITE: See the Department of Marine Resources' website, www.maine.gov/dmr/aquaculture/index.html, for the lease application and DMR site report (follow links for pending lease applications). Under "Public Participation in Aquaculture Leasing," the following are posted: the lease criteria, hearing procedures, and suggestions for effective public participation in the hearing. For paper copies, contact DMR at the address below.

WRITTEN COMMENTS: DMR will accept written comments by mail, e-mail, or fax regarding the effect of the proposed lease until **5:00 p.m. on September 26, 2016.**

SPEAKING AT THE HEARING: Any interested person may attend the hearing and ask questions of the parties or testify under oath about the effect of the proposed lease. You do not need to be an intervenor to submit comments or testimony.

INTERVENING: You may testify at the hearing without becoming an intervenor. If the proposed lease will substantially and directly affect you, you can apply for intervenor status. If DMR grants you intervenor status, you become a legal party and will receive all subsequent correspondence and can comment on the draft decision. Intervenor application forms are available at www.maine.gov/dmr/aquaculture/index.html under "Applications and Forms." Applications to intervene are due at DMR no later than **5:00 p.m. on September 13, 2016.** The Department will decide whether to grant intervenor applications no later than **September 15, 2016.**

Address comments, intervenor applications, and questions to:
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Authority: 5 MRS §9501 et seq. & 12 MRS §6072