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AQUACULTURE LEASE TRANSFER

The Commissioner is considering an application by Jonathan Dickinson to transfer to Christopher Dickinson a 0.94-acre aquaculture lease, DAM SL, located in the Damariscotta River in the towns of Bristol and Damariscotta, Maine for the purposes of raising American/Eastern oysters using bottom culture techniques. In 2016, the lease was renewed for the 10-year term beginning January 30, 2016 and continuing to January 29, 2026; the transfer would apply to the remainder of the unexpired term of the lease.

Pursuant to Title 12 MRS §6072 (12-A), a lease may be transferred for the remaining portion of its term provided that: the change in lessees will not result in a violation of the criteria under which the lease was originally granted, the transfer is not for speculative purposes and is not intended to circumvent the preference guidelines of §6072 (8), and the transfer will not cause the transferee to hold such leases on more than 1,000 acres.

Written comments on the proposed transfer will be accepted until May 15, 2016. A lease transfer is not an adjudicatory proceeding. **No public hearing will be held.** A copy of the application is posted on the DMR website at [www.maine.gov/dmr/aquaculture](http://www.maine.gov/dmr/aquaculture), under "Pending Aquaculture Lease Applications."

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