

AQUACULTURE PUBLIC HEARING RE-CONVENED – RENEWAL OF LEASE

June 29, 2016 @ 6:00 p.m.
Tremont Town Hall
Route 102
20 Harbor Drive
Bass Harbor, ME

PUBLIC HEARING RE-CONVENED: The Department of Marine Resources will re-convene the public hearing regarding the application of Maine Cultured Mussels, Inc. to renew aquaculture lease BHB HI2, located east of Hardwood Island, Blue Hill Bay, Tremont, to take limited additional evidence as described below. The lease is for the suspended culture of blue sea mussels on 15 acres of coastal waters. Lease renewals are governed by Title 12 MRS §6072 (12) and DMR Rule Chapter 2.45. Conduct of the hearing is governed by DMR Rules Chapter 2.30 and 2.31.

ALTERNATE HEARING DATE: If the June 29 hearing is postponed or cannot be concluded by a reasonable hour, the hearing will be continued on July 20, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the same location, and a notice will be posted at www.maine.gov/dmr/index.html under “Meetings.”

A PDF version of the application is posted on the Department’s web site under “Pending Aquaculture Leases” at: <http://www.maine.gov/dmr/aquaculture/index.html> . Contact the Department for a paper copy.

PURPOSE OF THE HEARING: The public hearing on this lease renewal application was initially held on August 19, 2015. The hearing is being re-convened for the limited purpose of taking additional evidence from the applicant, the Department, and the intervenors regarding the retrieval of dropped nets on the lease site, which occurred after the initial hearing, and for questions from the Department regarding the testimony and exhibits presented by the applicant and the intervenors at the initial hearing.

The public comment period for this hearing closed at 5:00 pm on August 18, 2015. The Department is not taking additional written comments or intervenor applications at this time. Questions concerning the re-convened hearing may be addressed to:

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Authority: 5 MRS §9501 et seq. & 12 MRS §6072