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TO: Riparian (shorefront) landowners within 1,000 ft. of proposed aquaculture lease site
Towns of Owls Head, St. George, and South Thomaston
Lt. Matt Talbot, Maine Marine Patrol
General and case-specific mailing lists for lease application # 2015 - 15

RE: Public hearing on proposed aquaculture lease

The Department of Marine Resources will hold a public hearing on November 14, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at Watts Hall, Thomaston Town Hall, 170 Main Street, Thomaston, Maine, to consider an application filed by The Maine Mariculture Company, LLC for a 3.66-acre, 10-year aquaculture lease for suspended culture of American/Eastern oysters and sea scallops on a site located off Pleasant Island (unorganized territory), Mussel Ridge Channel, Penobscot Bay, Knox County, Maine, DMR Docket #2015-15.

A copy of the public notice of the hearing is attached/enclosed. If you are receiving this notice by e-mail, pdf copies of the application and site report are also attached. If you are receiving this notice through the U.S. mail and want to view or print a copy of the application and site report, please go to the Department's web site at: www.maine.gov/dmr/aquaculture/index.html; follow links for "pending lease applications." To request paper copies of these documents, please contact Cindy Burke at the address below.

ALTERNATE HEARING DATE: If the November 14, 2016 hearing is postponed or cannot be concluded by a reasonable hour, the hearing will be continued on November 15, 2016 at 6:00 pm at the same location. If the November 15, 2016 hearing is postponed or cannot be concluded by a reasonable hour, the hearing will be continued on November 16, 2016 at 6:00 pm at the same location. Notice of the meeting being postponed or continued to another day will be posted at www.maine.gov/dmr/index.html under "Meetings."

IF YOU INTEND TO PARTICIPATE IN PERSON in the public hearing on this application, please refer to the enclosed public notice.

DEADLINE FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS: To be considered in this case, written comments, including faxes and e-mails, regarding this application must be received by the Department no later than 5:00 p.m. on November 10, 2016, the last business day before the public hearing.

Questions or written comments concerning the application may be addressed to:

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