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**NOTICE OF EXPERIMENTAL AQUACULTURE LEASE APPLICATION
AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

TO: Riparian (shorefront) landowners within 1,000 ft. of proposed aquaculture lease site
Town of Chebeague Island
General and Specific Mailing Lists for lease application #2016-03-E

FROM: Hannah Dean, Aquaculture Hearing Officer

DATE: March 3, 2006

APPLICATION: Shearwater Ventures, LLC proposes to grow sugar kelp, horsetail kelp, and winged kelp using suspended culture techniques on a 3.79-acre site located east of Little Chebeague Island, Casco Bay, Chebeague Island. The application, Docket # 2016-03-E, is posted under "Pending Aquaculture Lease Applications" on the Department's website, www.maine.gov/dmr/aquaculture.

To request a paper copy of the application, please call Cindy Burke at (207) 624-6567 or email cindy.l.burke@maine.gov. The aquaculture page of the DMR website also has information on how the public can participate in the aquaculture leasing process.

COMMENT PERIOD: The Department of Marine Resources announces a **30-day public comment period** during which interested persons may submit written comments or request a public hearing on the application. A hearing is optional for experimental lease applications unless the Department receives five or more written requests from interested persons during the 30-day comment period. A copy of the public notice advertising the comment period is attached. The legal authority for this notice is Title 12, MRSA §6072-A (5) and DMR Rules Chapter 2.64 (4) (C).

CONTACT THE APPLICANT: Nathan Johnson of Shearwater Ventures, LLC has asked us to encourage you to contact him directly to discuss any questions or concerns you may have about this proposed lease. His contact information is:

Shearwater Ventures, LLC
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285 Fern Avenue
Long Island, ME 04050
E-mail: shearwaterventures@gmail.com Telephone: (207) 712-2927

DMR REVIEW: In the course of our review, Department biologists will visit and assess the site in light of the legal requirements for aquaculture leases. Other state and federal agencies will also review the application, including the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

QUESTIONS? Contact Cindy Burke, (207) 624-6567, cindy.l.burke@maine.gov, or Hannah Dean, (207) 626-6573, hannah.dean@maine.gov.