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BY E-MAIL TO: Applicant: Maine Cultured Mussels, Inc. (Erick Swanson)
Intervenors: Eliot Paine; Friends of Blue Hill Bay (Donald Eley & Sally Mills, Esq.)
Town of Tremont
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Shawn Mahaney & LeeAnn Neal)
DMR Aquaculture Division
Mailing Lists for lease application # 2012-18-R

RE: NOTICE: Re-convened public hearing on application for renewal of aquaculture lease BHB HI2 – June 29, 2016 at 6:00 pm, Tremont Town Hall, Tremont

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. The hearing will re-convene on June 29, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Tremont Town Hall, Route 102, 20 Harbor Drive, Bass Harbor, Maine.

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 copy of the public notice of the hearing is attached to this memorandum. A PDF version of the application is posted under "Pending Aquaculture Leases" on the Department's web site at: <http://www.maine.gov/dmr/aquaculture/index.html>. Contact us for a paper copy.

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. Lease renewals are governed by Title 12 M.R.S. §6072(12) and DMR Rule Chapter 2.45. Conduct of the hearing is governed by DMR Rules Chapter 2.30 and 2.31.

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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