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TO: Riparian (shorefront) landowners within 1,000 ft. of proposed aquaculture lease site
Towns of Bristol and Damariscotta
General and Specific Mailing Lists for transfer application #2016-16

FROM: Diantha C. Robinson, Aquaculture Hearing Officer, Maine Department of Marine Resources *DCR*

DATE: April 22, 2016

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

Pursuant to Title 12 M.R.S. §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.

As part of the transfer process, we offer the public a 14-day period within which we are accepting written comments on this proposed transfer. A lease transfer is not an adjudicatory proceeding, and no public hearing will be held. A copy of the application is posted on the DMR website, www.maine.gov/dmr/aquaculture, under "Pending Aquaculture Lease Applications."

Jonathan Dickinson as asked us to encourage interested persons to contact him directly to discuss any questions or concerns you may have about the future operation of this lease. His contact information is:

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129 Pierpoint Lane
Waldoboro, ME 04572
(207) 380-7695 of jonathandickinson92@gmail.com

Written comments regarding this application must be received by the Department no later than May 15, 2016. Send comments to:

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