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NOTICE OF STANDARD LEASE APPLICATION

TO: Riparian (shorefront) landowners within 1,000 ft. of proposed aquaculture lease site
Town of Machiasport
General and Specific Mailing Lists for lease application #2014-12

CC: Jennifer Robinson, Cooke Aquaculture USA Inc.

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

DATE: August 5, 2014

The Department of Marine Resources has received a completed application for a standard (10-year, renewable) aquaculture lease from Cooke Aquaculture USA Inc. The application is for the net pen culture of Atlantic salmon. The proposed site is located off the northern side of Big Libby Island, Machias Bay, Machiasport.

The application is posted on our web site at http://www.maine.gov/dmr/aquaculture/pending_aquaculture_leases.htm. To receive a paper copy of the application, please call Cindy Burke at (207) 624-6567 or e-mail cindy.l.burke@maine.gov.

The next step in the Department's process is the required site review, which is conducted by Jon Lewis, the DMR Aquaculture Environmental Coordinator. We will hold a public hearing on this application; we will notify you when it has been scheduled. Hearings are generally scheduled within six months to a year from the date the application is declared complete. Information about how the public can participate in aquaculture lease hearings is available on our web site at <http://www.maine.gov/dmr/aquaculture/participation.htm>.

Jennifer Robinson of Cooke Aquaculture USA Inc. has asked us to encourage you to contact her directly to discuss any questions or concerns you may have about the future operation of this proposed lease. Her address is P.O. Box 236, Estes Head Road, Eastport, ME 04631; telephone number (207) 255-6714; and e-mail address Jennifer.Robinson@cookeaqua.com.

If you have questions, you can reach me by phone at (207) 624-6577, or you can call my assistant, Cindy Burke, at 624-6567. You can also reach us by e-mail at diantha.robinson@maine.gov and cindy.l.burke@maine.gov.