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NOTICE OF STANDARD LEASE APPLICATION

TO: Riparian (shorefront) landowners within 1,000 ft. of proposed aquaculture lease site
Towns of Freeport and Yarmouth
General and Specific Mailing Lists for lease application #2014-20

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

CC: Maine Oyster, Inc.

DATE: October 7, 2014

The Department of Marine Resources has received a completed application for a standard (10-year, renewable) aquaculture lease submitted by Maine Oyster, Inc. The application is for the bottom culture of American and European oysters. The proposed site is located on two tracts totaling 9.5 acres at the mouth of the Cousins River in Freeport and Yarmouth, Cumberland County, Maine.

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 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>.

Eric Horne and Val Steverlynck of Maine Oyster, Inc. have asked us to encourage you to contact them directly to discuss any questions or concerns you may have about the future operation of this proposed lease. Their contact information is: address: 62 Pine Street, Freeport, ME 04032; telephone number (207) 221-5172; and e-mail: ericlhorne@hotmail.com or vsteverlynck@hotmail.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.

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