

**Taunton Bay Oyster Company, Inc.**

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**Description:** Buckskin and Burying Islands Taunton and Hog Bays Franklin Hancock County

**Species Cultivated:** oyster eastern / american (*Crassostrea virginica*)

**Cultivation Technique(s):** Bottom - Suspended

**Conditions:** 1. The lease site must be marked in accordance with both U. S. Coast Guard requirements and DMR Rule 2.80. 2. Fishing, other than dragging, and boating are allowed on the open areas of the lease. Dragging is prohibited on the lease sites by anyone other than the leaseholder or his assistants, except by prior arrangement with the leaseholder. Mussel washing on the lease sites is prohibited. 3. The leaseholder shall not use the shore of Buckskin (Round) Island or Burying Island in connection with the lease activities, except if necessary to remove debris from shore. 4. The leaseholder shall monitor the ecological conditions in accordance with a monitoring program established by the Department. 5. Tract 1: This tract may only contain floating gear; no oysters may be planted on the bottom; no oysters or gear may be over-wintered; the arrays of floating trays must be separated by at least fifteen feet; and lease activities on Tract 1 within the Essential Habitat area may commence only after June 1. If the Legislature changes the protected status of bald eagles, and if the Dept. of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife consents to a change in the restrictions on activity in Tract 1 within the Essential Habitat, Taunton Bay Oyster Co. can apply to DMR for a variance to reflect this change in the lease. 6. Tract 2: The leaseholder must minimize the placement of any floating gear over eelgrass beds. 7. Tract 3: Overwintering containers should be placed in the deepest portions of the tract. 8. Tracts 4 & 5: The leaseholder must include in the annual report an estimate of the area cleared of kelp for the first time during that year. □

**Original Date:** 3/5/2009      **Effective Date:** 3/5/2009      **Expiration Date:** 3/4/2019

**Transfer/Renewal History:** Terminated Tracts 4 and 5 on September 30, 2010.

**Acreage:** 8.14      **NOAA Chart:** 13316

