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Date: June 24, 2024
To: Town of Steuben, Municipal Officials and Harbormaster
Lease applicant
Riparian (shorefront) landowners within 1,000 ft. of the aquaculture lease site
ME IF&W, and DACF
GovDelivery Aquaculture List
Re: Notice of Aquaculture Lease Hearing

The Department of Marine Resources (DMR) is holding public hearings on the proposals listed below:

Proposal 1

Applicant Name: Arnold Francis – Application #1
Application Type: Standard Lease
Culture Type: Suspended Culture of Shellfish
Location: Steuben (East of Birch Point)
Acreage and Term Requested: 2.91 Acres for 20 years

Proposal 2

Applicant Name: Arnold Francis – Application #2
Application Type: Standard Lease
Culture Type: Suspended Culture of Shellfish
Location: Steuben (Smelt Brook)
Acreage and Term Requested: 3.56 Acres for 20 years

The public hearings on these applications have been scheduled as follows:

August 20, 2024
Steuben Fire Department
49 Smithville Road
Steuben, ME

The hearing for proposal 1 (Birch Point) will begin at 1:00 pm, and the hearing for proposal 2 (Smelt Brook) will begin at 1:30 pm. (Please note the start of the second hearing is subject to change based on the length of the first hearing.)

If the hearings listed above are postponed or continued, an alternate public hearing will be held on **August 22, 2024** at the same time and location. Notice of a postponement or a continuance will be posted on DMR's website.

REGISTERING FOR THE HEARING: The hearings will be conducted in accordance with the adjudicatory proceeding provisions of the Maine Administrative Procedure Act (5 M.R.S.A., ch. 375, subchapter 4). Persons wishing to attend the hearings and ask questions of the parties or testify under oath about the effect of the proposed lease must register to participate. Interested persons need to complete an online registration form no later than **5:00 p.m., August 5, 2024**. If you need assistance with the form, please contact DMR. Registration can be completed at: <https://www.maine.gov/dmr/aquaculture>

INTERVENING: Applications to intervene need to be received by DMR no later than **5:00 p.m., August 5, 2024**. DMR will decide whether to grant intervenor applications five days before the hearing. If you are granted intervenor status, you become a legal party to the proceeding. Contact DMR for a copy of the intervenor application.

INFORMATION ON DMR WEBSITE: A copy of the application materials are posted to DMR's aquaculture webpage under 'Maine Aquaculture Leases and LPAs.'

Address questions to: ME DMR, (207) 350-7815, DMRaquaculture@maine.gov

For disability accommodations, contact:
(207) 624-6553, or 877-243-2823, TTY 711

RELEVANT AUTHORITY: The rules governing the leasing program are found in Chapter 2 of DMR regulations. The statutory provisions are: 5 M.R.S.A. §9051 et seq. & 12 M.R.S.A. §6072(1) et seq., & 12 M.R.S.A. §6072-A(1) et seq.