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**Date:** July 23, 2024

**To:** Town of Yarmouth, 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 a public hearing on the proposal listed below:

<p><b>Applicant Name:</b> Caitlin Gerber <b>Application Type:</b> Experimental Lease <b>Culture Type:</b> Suspended Culture of Marine Algae <b>Location:</b> Casco Bay, Yarmouth <b>Acreage and Term Requested:</b> 4 Acres for 3 years</p>
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The public hearing on this application has been scheduled as follows:

**August 26, 1:00 PM**  
**Yarmouth Town Hall**  
**200 Main Street**  
**Yarmouth, ME 04096**

If the hearing listed above is postponed or continued, an alternate public hearing will be held on **August 28** 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 hearing 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 hearing 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 11**. 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 11**. 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](mailto: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.