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Date: August 19, 2024

To: Town of Newcastle, 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>Applicant Name: Norumbega Oyster Inc. Application Type: Standard Lease Culture Type: Suspended Culture of Shellfish Location: Damariscotta River, Newcastle Acreage and Term Requested: 6 Acres for 20 years</p>
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The public hearing on this application has been scheduled as follows:

October 3, 2024, 1:00 PM
Town of Damariscotta
21 School Street
Damariscotta, ME

If the hearing listed above is postponed or continued, an alternate public hearing will be held on **October 10, 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 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., September 18, 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., September 18, 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.