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04333-0021

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December 17, 2021

To: Town of Bar Harbor
Riparian landowners within 1,000 feet of the proposal

The Department of Marine Resources (DMR) will hold a public hearing to take evidence on the lease application listed below. The schedule of proceedings (including the hearing) is also included below. **Please carefully review each date and event as some have important deadlines that may impact participation in the proceeding.**

Applicant Name and Lease Type	Acadia Aqua Farms LLC	<input type="checkbox"/> Experimental Lease <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Standard Lease
Culture Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Bottom culture (No gear)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suspended culture (Gear on bottom and/or suspended)
Species	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shellfish	<input type="checkbox"/> Marine algae <input type="checkbox"/> Finfish <input type="checkbox"/> Other
General Location, Town	SW of Googins Ledge, Frenchman Bay, Bar Harbor	
Acreage Requested	48 acres	
Lease Term Requested	20 years	

Schedule of proceedings:

January 4, 2022 at 1:00 p.m., Remote Pre-hearing Conference:

This meeting will be held via Microsoft Teams to discuss the general administration of the hearing including the pre-filing of evidence, testimony time limits, and other considerations. This meeting is recommended for those who intend to apply for intervenor status. To participate, you must register **no later than 12:00 p.m. on January 3, 2022**. The registration form for the pre-hearing conference can be accessed here: <https://www.maine.gov/dmr> under "Meetings." If the meeting above is postponed it will be held on January 6, 2022 at the same time and format. Notice of a postponement will be posted to DMR's website.

January 25, 2022 at 4:00 p.m., Deadline to Register to Participate in the Hearing and Apply for Intervenor Status:

A. Registering to Participate

Due to COVID and capacity limitations, anyone wishing to attend the hearing is asked to register with DMR in advance so that space availability can be determined. **Persons intending to ask questions of the parties or testify about the proposed lease (“Interested Persons”) must register with DMR to participate in this manner.**

Interested persons must register no later than 4:00 p.m. on January 25, 2022. Failure to register may limit your ability to participate in the proceeding. Persons who are unable to register online or need assistance with the form must contact DMR. The hearing registration form can be accessed here: <https://www.maine.gov/dmr> under “Meetings.”

B. Applying for Intervenor Status

Intervenor applications must be **received** no later than 4:00 p.m. on January 25, 2022. Intervenor applications must be requested from DMR at the contact information below. DMR will decide whether to grant intervenor applications five days before the hearing. If you apply for and are granted intervenor status, you become a legal party to the proceeding.

February 9, 2022 at 5:00 p.m., Hearing:

The hearing will be held at the date and time listed above at the:
Bar Harbor Municipal Building (Town Council Chambers)
93 Cottage Street, Bar Harbor, 04609.

If the hearing listed above is postponed it may be held on February 10, or 17, 2022, as alternative dates, at the same time and location as the February 9th hearing. Notice of a continuance will be posted to DMR’s website.

The hearing will be held in accordance with the adjudicatory proceeding provisions of the Maine Administrative Procedures Act (5 M.R.S.A., ch. 375, subchapter 4). Any interested person may attend the hearing and registered participants may ask questions of the parties or testify about the effect of the proposed lease.

Address questions to:

Maine Department of Marine Resources
Attn: Aquaculture Division
21 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0021
(207) 624-6573
DMRaquaculture@maine.gov

For disability accommodations, contact Melissa Macaluso at:
(207) 624-6553, Melissa.Macaluso@maine.gov; or 877-243-2823, TTY 711

RELEVANT AUTHORITY: Chapter 2 of DMR’s regulations; 5 M.R.S.A. §9501 et seq. & 12 M.R.S.A. §6072(1) et seq., & 12 M.R.S.A. §6072-A(1) et seq.