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Date: May 23, 2023

To: Town of Harpswell, Municipal Officials and Paul Plummer, Harbormaster
Lease applicant
Riparian (shorefront) landowners within 1,000 ft. of the proposal
ME IF&W, and DACF
GovDelivery Aquaculture List

From: Department of Marine Resources (DMR) Aquaculture Division

Re: Notice of Completed Aquaculture Application and Comment Period

The DMR has received two complete lease applications from the applicant listed below for the following:

Applicant: Benjamin Weeks
Lease Type: Two experimental proposals
Culture Type: Suspended
Species: Marine algae
Size and Term: 4 acres, 3 Years
Location: New Meadows River, Harpswell

Comment Period: DMR announces a **30-day public comment period** during which interested persons may submit written comments or request a public hearing on the applications. A hearing is optional unless DMR receives five or more written requests from interested persons during the comment period. For reference, the applications are available on DMR's website and labeled: Weeks, App 1; and Weeks, App 2. Please specify which application the comment(s) or request(s) apply to (i.e. Weeks App 1, etc.). Written comments or hearing requests need to be submitted by mail or email to the address provided below **no later than 4:00 p.m. on June 25, 2023.**

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View the Applications: Please visit DMR's Aquaculture webpage. Applications are available under 'Maine Aquaculture Leases and LPAs.'

CONTACT THE APPLICANT: Please contact the applicant with any questions regarding their proposal. Contact information for the applicant can be found in their application.

Relevant Authority: 12 MRSA 6072-A (5) and DMR Rules Chapter 2.64.