

STANDARD LEASE APPLICATION: NON-DISCHARGE

1. APPLICANT CONTACT INFORMATION

Applicant	Taunton Bay Oyster Co., Inc.		
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Type of Application	<input type="checkbox"/> Draft Application <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Final Application [submitted before scoping session] [submitted after scoping session]		
Dates	Pre-Application Meeting: 11/2/22	Draft Application Submitted: 2/7/23	Scoping Session: 7/18/23
Payment Type	Draft Application: <input type="checkbox"/> Check (included) <input type="checkbox"/> Credit		Final Application: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check (included) <input type="checkbox"/> Credit

Note: The email address you list here will be the primary means by which we will contact you. Please provide an email address that is checked regularly. If you do not use email, please leave this blank.

2. PROPOSED LEASE SITE INFORMATION

Location of Proposed Lease Site	
Town	Hancock
Waterbody	Taunton Bay
General Description (e.g. south of B Island)	South of Burying Island
Lease Information	
Total acreage requested (100-acre maximum)	7.46
Lease term requested (20-year maximum)	20 years
Type of culture (check all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> Bottom (no gear) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suspended (gear in the water and/or on the bottom)
Is any portion of the proposed lease site above mean low water?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Note: If you selected yes, you need to complete the steps outlined in the section titled: "19. Landowner/Municipal Permission Requirements".

3. GROWING AREA DESIGNATION

Directions: Information for growing area designations can be found here:

<https://www.maine.gov/dmr/shellfish-sanitation-management/closures/index.html>

Growing Area Designation (e.g. WL):	EL
Growing Area Section (e.g. "A1"):	A-Open/approved

Note: If you are proposing to grow molluscan shellfish in waters classified as anything other than open/approved, you will need to contact the Bureau of Public Health to discuss your plans at the following email: DMRPublicHealthDiv@maine.gov

4. SPECIES INFORMATION

A. Please complete the table below and add additional rows as needed.

Name of species to be cultivated (include both common and scientific names):	Name and address of the source of seed stock or juveniles	Maximum number (or biomass) of organisms you anticipate on the site at any given time
1. American oysters (<i>Crassostrea Virginica</i>)	Muscongus Bay Aquaculture, P.O. Box 158, Bremen, ME 04551	3 million
2.	Mook Sea Farm, 321 Route 129, Walpole, ME 04573	
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4.		
5.		

B. Do you intend to possess, transport, or sell whole or roe-on scallops? Yes No

If you answered "yes" please contact the Bureau of Public Health to discuss your plans at the following email: DMRPublicHealthDiv@maine.gov

Note: If you are proposing to grow molluscan shellfish, this application also serves as your written operational plan as required in the National Shellfish Sanitation Program (NSSP) Model Ordinance Chapter 2 and must be maintained in your files. If you wish to submit an operational plan separate from this application, please contact: DMRPublicHealthDiv@maine.gov

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5. VICINITY MAP

Note: Please label as: 'Vicinity Map'.

See **Appendix 1**

Directions: Using a NOAA Chart or USGS topographic map, show the area within a minimum of one-half mile of the proposed lease site.

The map needs to display the following:

- The waters, shore lands, and lines of mean high and mean low water within the general area of the lease
- An arrow indicating true north
- A scale bar
- The approximate lease boundaries

6. BOUNDARY DRAWING

Note: Please label as: 'Boundary Drawing'.

Directions: Depict the boundaries of the proposed lease site. Provide a drawing with all corners, directions, and distances labeled. Provide coordinates for each corner as follows:

See **Appendix 2**

- Coordinate Description
Provide geographic coordinates for each corner of the lease site in latitude and longitude as accurately as possible (e.g., to the nearest second or fraction of a second). Identify the datum from the map, chart, or GPS unit used to develop these coordinates. The datum will be shown on the map or chart you are using. The Coordinate Description may be provided separately from the Boundary Drawing.

Starting at most northerly point moving clockwise:

44.543 N -68.2647666667W thence 1000' at 131.3° True to
44.5411833333N -68.2618833333W thence 325' at 223.6° True to
44.54055 N -68.26275 W thence 1000' at 311.1° True to
44.54235 N -68.2656333333W thence 325' at 43.2° True to beginning

Datum: WGS84

7. SITE DEVELOPMENT

Directions: If your operations require the use of cages, nets, ropes, trays, or any object (structure) other than the organism to be grown directly on the bottom or buoys to mark the corners of the lease site, you must submit gear drawings and maximum structure schematics (information below). This section is intended to provide accurate plans depicting the physical structures to be placed in the proposed area. All dimensions need to be labeled with the appropriate units (i.e. 10ft, 10in). If you are proposing a bottom lease (no gear), please skip to question "F. Marking".

Note: You may embed the schematics within the document or attach them to the end of your application. If you attach the schematics, please label them according to the instructions provided below.

A. Gear Information

Directions: Include a drawing of an individual piece of gear for each of the gear type(s) you plan to use. Include units referenced (i.e. 10in, 10ft, etc.).

See **Appendix 3**

1. **Gear Drawing:** Please include the following for each gear type that will hold organisms to be cultured (e.g. polar circles, marine algae longlines, oyster cages) and label as "Gear Drawing". This view must show the following:
 - Length, width, and height of each gear type.
2. **Gear Table:** List and describe each individual gear type that you will use in the table below. (e.g. polar circles, marine algae longline, oyster cages, moorings, mooring lines, buoys, etc.).

Specific Gear Type (e.g. soft mesh bag)	Dimensions (e.g. 16"x20"x2")	Time of year gear will be deployed (e.g. Spring, Winter, etc.)	Maximum amount of this gear type that will be deployed on the site (i.e. 200 cages, 100 lantern nets, etc.)	Species that will be grown using this gear type
Flip Farm baskets	29"L x 13"W x 12"H	March - December	6480 baskets	American oysters
1000+ lb. concrete block or suitable helix anchor	Block – 32"x32"x12" Helix–10" disc.	Year-round	48	
Mooring line	3/4"x 40'	Year-round	48	
Hauling line	3/8"x 300'	March-December	24	

Backbone line	15/16"x 350'	March-December	24	
Mooring buoys	16"	March-December	48	
Buoys to mark site	12"	Year-round	6	

B. Maximum Structure and Mooring System Schematic

Directions: Include drawings of your maximum gear layout. Include units referenced (i.e. 10in, 10ft, etc.).

See **Appendix 4**

1. **Overhead View.** Please include the following and label as "Overhead View":
 - Maximum layout of gear, including moorings.
 - Length and width of project.
 - Approximate spacing between gear.
 - Lease boundaries and the location of proposed corner markers and any additional gear markers that would be present.

2. **Cross-Section View.** Please include the following and label as "Cross-Section View":
 - The sea bottom.
 - Profile of gear in cross-section as it will be deployed.
 - Label gear with dimensions and materials.
 - Show mooring gear with mooring type, scope, hardware, and line type and size.
 - Depth of gear in relation to the water's surface at mean low water and mean high water (if applicable).

Note: Please include an additional Cross Section View, depicting the elements listed above, if there will be seasonal changes to gear layout (i.e. over wintering).

C. On-Site Support Structures

1. Describe structures such as barges, sheds, etc., to be located on-site. Provide a schematic and indicate the dimensions, including height above sea level, materials, etc.

There would be 2 – 20'x 24' floats used on the proposed site. Each 20'x 24' float is actually 2 – 12'x 20' floats connected to each other. See **Appendix 5** for schematic of one 12'x 20' float.

2. Describe the storage and use of oil, gasoline, or other hazardous materials on site. If petroleum products are to be stored on site, provide a spill prevention plan.

There are no plans for the storage of oil, gasoline or other hazardous material on the proposed site.

D. Gear Color

Provide the color of the gear and structures proposed to be used at the lease site.

The Flip Farm baskets are black with black floats. The 2 – 20'x 24' floats have black plastic-coated floatation with natural hemlock framing and decking. The 16" mooring buoys would be black. The corner and perimeter marker buoys would be the required yellow.

E. Equipment Layout

Provide schematic or photographic renderings of the generalized layout of the equipment as depicted from two vantage points on the water. Provide the locations of the two vantage points.

See **Appendix 6**

F. Marking

Will you be able to mark your site in accordance with DMR regulations, Chapter 2.80? In part, this requires marker buoys which clearly display the lease ID and the words SEA FARM to be located at each corner of the lease. Effective January 1, 2023, marker buoys need to be yellow and host reflective material.

Yes No

If you answered no, explain why and suggest alternate markings.

Note: If a lease is granted, you will also be required to mark the site in accordance with appropriate US Coast Guard Regulations. If you have questions about US Coast Guard Regulations contact: 1st Coast Guard District, Aids to Navigation Office ((617)-223-3293).

8. PRODUCTION ACTIVITIES

Directions: If you are cultivating more than one species, you will need to provide the following information for each species. Please attach additional pages if needed.

A. Please explain your proposed seeding activities. What months will seeding occur and how often will you be onsite to seed during this time.

Seed would be brought from an upweller (off site) and placed into the Flip Farm baskets, using Flip Farm Filling Station (See **Appendix 7**). Seed in the upweller grow at different rates. Grading at the upweller occurs every 7-10 days. All seed that reach an appropriate size during that grading would be transported to the proposed site and placed in the baskets. This process would occur from July to October. In normal conditions, each time seeding occurs, would require one trip to the proposed site.

B. Please explain your proposed tending/maintenance activities.

Every 7-14 days, depending on degree of fouling, baskets would be flipped, using Flip Farm Heli-Cat Flipper (See **Appendix 8**). Baskets would remain in drying position generally for 1 day, then flipped back to growing position. Once or twice during the growing season oysters would be graded. Oysters would be emptied from baskets, using Flip Farm Empty Station (See **Appendix 9**) and transported to one of the 20' x 24' floats. Oysters would be graded using a vibrating sieve with hopper conveyor (See **Appendix 10**) located on one of the floats. As the site is developed it is possible, we may use 2 graders with hopper conveyors. Once graded, oysters would be placed back into baskets. First year oysters, at the end of the season, would be removed from baskets and over-wintered on one of our other sites. Second year oysters, when reaching appropriate size, would be removed from baskets and planted on one of our bottom culture sites.

C. How frequently will you visit the site for routine tending/maintenance (i.e. flipping cages, etc.)?

First and second year seed/juvenile production would require being onsite 2-5 days per week throughout the growing season (March-December).

D. Describe the harvesting techniques you will use. If you plan on using a drag, please provide the dimensions.

Harvesting would not occur on this proposed site. It would be used only to grow oysters to a suitable size to be bottom planted on one of our bottom culture sites.

E. How often will you be at the site during harvesting periods?

N/A

F. Will gear be on the site year-round? Yes No

G. Describe any overwintering or "off season" plans for the site. For example, will you remove gear from the site and/or deploy gear in different areas within the proposed site? Please include where gear or product will be located if removed from the site.

There would be no over-wintering of oysters on the proposed site. Any over-wintering of oysters would be at one of our other sites. All Flip Farm baskets and buoys would be removed before ice develops and returned in spring when ice leaves the bay. All removed gear would be stored at our shore-side facility. Mooring lines, backbone lines and hauling lines would remain on bottom until spring.

H. Please provide details on any predator control techniques you plan to employ.

There are no plans for predator control.

I. Suspended culture gear can attract birds that roost on the gear and defecate, potentially creating a pollution source impacting shellfish held within the gear. In order to comply with the National Shellfish Sanitation Program (NSSP) Model Ordinance (MO), DMR is requiring that applications for the suspended culture of shellfish include a description of mitigation or deterrent measures to minimize the potential pollution impacts of birds at the proposed site. If appropriate, include sketches or photos that clearly depict those measures put into practice.

Examples may include:

- Submerging suspended gear and associated product at a depth sufficient to deter roosting for two weeks before harvest
- Attaching physical deterrents (i.e. zip ties) to gear
- The site is proposed for the culture of seed only
- The site is proposed for the culture of adductor-only scallops (i.e. no other shellfish species would be grown on the site)
- Proposed gear would always be suspended below the surface of the water at a depth sufficient to deter roosting (i.e. as is common for scallop lantern nets)

The site is proposed for the culture of seed only.

9. NOISE AND LIGHT

Directions: If a question does not pertain to your proposed operations, please write “not

applicable" or "N/A".

A. What type of boats will be used on the site? When and how often will these vessels be on the site?

Carolina Skiff style boats (17' - 24') would be used on the proposed site. They would be used 2-5 days per week throughout the growing season (maximum March-December).

B. What type of powered equipment (e.g. generator, power washer, grading equipment, barges, etc.) will be used on the site? When and how often will the equipment be used?

As many as 2 electric vibrating sieves with hopper conveyors would be used to grade oysters. Each would be powered by gasoline powered inverter generators. Generators would be mounted with insulated, louvered enclosures to reduce noise levels. Grading would occur on the 20' x 24' floats anchored in the center section of the proposed site between the sets of Flip Farm baskets. Grading would occur throughout the season, 1-5 days per week.

A 12-volt battery operated C-Quip line hauler mounted on one of the skiffs (See **Appendix 11**) would be used to pull the boat with attached Filling Station or Empty Station down the line. This would be used during grading and also filling baskets with seed in spring and when emptying baskets to plant. Would occur throughout the season, 1-5 days per week.

A 12-volt battery operated conveyor (See **Appendix 12**) mounted on Flip Farm Empty Station would convey oysters dumped from baskets into totes in one of the Carolina Skiffs. This would be used throughout the season during grading and planting, 1-5 days per week.

C. Specify how you intend to reduce noise levels from the boats and other powered equipment.

Inverter generators used to power the electric vibrating sieves and hopper conveyors would be mounted with insulated, louvered enclosures. This is a much quieter system than using gasoline powered engines to power the equipment. Inverter generators such as the Honda EU2200i are the quietest generators made.

Circular vibrating sieves, as proposed, are much quieter than shaker or tubular graders.

All boats would be powered by 4 stroke engines, which are much quieter than 2 stroke engines.

The 12-volt, battery operated line hauler is much quieter than gasoline engine powered haulers. Batteries would be re-charged at our shore-side facility.

The 12-volt battery operated conveyor mounted on the Empty Station is much quieter than a gasoline powered conveyor.

D. Provide the number, type (whether fixtures are shielded), wattage and location of lights, other than those used for navigation or marking, that will be used at the proposed lease site.

There are no plans for the use of lights on the proposed site. Any problems occurring after dark would be dealt with during daylight hours.

E. Indicate under what circumstances you might work at your site beyond daylight hours.

With the exception of a breakdown or an emergency, work would occur only during daylight hours.

10. CURRENT OPERATIONS

Directions: If a question does not pertain to your proposed operations, please write “not applicable” or “N/A”.

A. Describe your existing aquaculture operations, including the acronyms of all active leases and/or licenses.

Seed oysters are purchased late May to early June and placed in a floating upweller (LPA's YOU112 and YOU212). We share an upweller with Evan Young (the LPA license holder) at these sites. When the oysters reach approximately 9/16" they are placed in floating mesh bags and deployed at our suspended culture lease (TAUN HB4). Bags are flipped manually throughout the season, then placed in over-wintering cages (TAUN HB4) before ice develops. Oysters are brought back to the surface in early spring and returned to the floating bags. Once oysters are large enough, they are planted on bottom at either TAUN HB4 or TAUN SB2. Oysters are harvested by divers on TAUN HB4 and on TAUN SB2 by divers, hand tools and dragging.

B. What are your plans for any existing leases and/or Limited Purpose Aquaculture (LPA) licenses if the lease is granted? Will any existing leases and/or LPA licenses be relinquished if the lease is granted? If so, please indicate which ones.

We have applied for 4 LPA's prior to this application, but have not been approved at this time. If approved, we would relinquish them if this proposed lease is approved. We also intend to relinquish the bottom culture portion of TAUN HB4 (10.61 acres).

11. ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERIZATION

Directions: Using your knowledge of the area, describe the environment of the proposed lease site. Be sure to include units of measurement in your answers (i.e. feet, cm/s).

A. What are the approximate depths at mean low water?

2'

B. What are the approximate depths at mean high water?

10'

C. Provide the approximate current speed and direction during the ebb and flow.

NW/SE at less than 1.5 knots.

D. The following questions (D.1 through D.6) may be answered in writing or by submitting a video. If you plan to submit a video, please contact the Department prior to video collection.

1. What are the bottom characteristics (mud, sand, gravel, rock, ledge or some mix, etc.)?

Mud bottom.

2. Describe the bottom topography (flat, steep rough, etc.).

Flat.

3. Describe marine organisms by species or common names. Based on your personal observations or other sources of information, are these species abundant, common, or rare?

Rock crab – rare
Green crab – common

4. Are there shellfish beds or fish migration routes in the surrounding area? If so, please describe.

Softshell clams are harvested in the surrounding area. Nearest beds are more than 1000' from the proposed site.

5. Describe the presence and extent of submerged aquatic vegetation, i.e. eelgrass, within the proposed lease area. Please include the date of this observation along with the method of observation. If submerged aquatic vegetation is observed, please also describe the abundance below and sketch the limits of the beds in the vicinity map.

On 8/27/22 we crisscrossed the area by boat at low tide. There was no eelgrass or other submerged vegetation observed on the proposed site. We have also traveled over the area for many years and have not seen any eelgrass.

6. Describe the general shoreline and upland characteristics (rocky shoreline, forested, residential, etc.)

The general shoreline is primarily forested with some residential development.

E. Is your proposed lease located within a Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife designated Essential Habitat?

Yes No

Note: The location of Essential Habitats in the State of Maine, along with information on how projects within these areas are reviewed, can be found here: <https://www.maine.gov/ifw/fish-wildlife/wildlife/endangered-threatened-species/essential-wildlife-habitat/index.html>

If a project is located within an Essential Habitat, applicants are strongly encouraged to contact the MDIFW Environmental Review Coordinator (John.Perry@maine.gov, phone: 207-287-5254) prior to application submission.

12. EXISTING USES

A. Describe the existing uses of the proposed area in questions A.1 through A.5 below. Please include the a) type b) time of year c) frequency and d) proximity to the lease site for each existing use.

1. Commercial Fishing

There is no known commercial fishing in the proposed site.

2. Recreational Fishing

There is no known recreational fishing in the proposed site.

3. Boating Activities (please also include the distance to any navigable channel(s) from your proposed site at low water)

We have not observed any boating activity in the proposed site, but assume recreational boats, kayaks or canoes traverse the area occasionally. Lobster boats do traverse in the channel several hundred feet north and east of the proposed site.

4. Ingress and egress (i.e. coming and going) of shorefront property owners within 1,000 feet of the proposal (e.g. docks, moorings, landing boats on shore, etc.)

The proposed site is more than 1000' from any riparian landowner, docks, moorings, boat landings, etc.

5. Other uses (kayaking, swimming, etc.)

None observed, but assume kayaks do occasionally traverse the area. Considering the proposed site is more than 1000' from the low water line, it is doubtful there would be any swimming in the area.

B. Are there private docks, moorings, or other access points within 1,000 feet of the proposed lease? If yes, please include approximate distance from the proposed lease.

No

C. Are there public beaches, parks, docking facilities or federally, state, or municipally conserved lands within 1,000 feet of the proposed lease site? If yes, please describe and include approximate distances from proposed lease.

No

D. Are there any Limited Purpose Aquaculture (LPA) licenses or aquaculture leases within 1,000 feet of your proposed lease site? If yes, please list their acronyms below.

Current and pending aquaculture leases and active LPA licenses may be found here:

<https://www.maine.gov/dmr/aquaculture/leases/index.html>

No

13. EXCLUSIVE USE

If your lease is granted, what activities would you request be excluded from occurring within the boundaries of the lease site? In your answer please address applicable commercial and recreational fishing, boating activities, and other activities you listed in the 'Existing Uses' section of this application.

None

14. RIPARIAN LANDOWNERS AND SITE ACCESS

A. If your lease is within 1,000ft of shorefront land (**which extends to mean low water or 1,650 ft. from shore, whichever is less, according to NOAA charts**), the following supporting documents are required: N/A The proposed site is more than 1000' from any riparian landowners.

1. A labeled copy of a tax map(s) depicting the location of the proposed lease site and including the following elements:
 - Label the map "Tax Map: Town of (name of town)."
 - Legible scale
 - Tax lot numbers clearly displayed
 - The boundaries of the proposed lease
2. Please use the Riparian Landowner List (included on the next page) to list the name and address of every shorefront landowner within 1,000ft of the proposed lease site. Have the tax collector or clerk of the municipality certify the list. Refer to the riparian determination guidance document to ensure all riparian landowners are included:
<https://www.maine.gov/dmr/aquaculture/forms/documents/RiparianDetermination.pdf>

Note: When the application and riparian list are both ready to be submitted, you may choose to email a copy of the riparian list and proposed lease coordinates to DMRAquaculture@maine.gov for staff to verify that all required parcels are included on the list *before* having it certified by the municipality. DMR will not verify a riparian list multiple times, so please ensure there will be no additional changes to the application before emailing the riparian list for verification.

3. If any portion of the site is intertidal, you need to complete the steps outlined in the section titled: "19. Landowner/Municipal Permission Requirements".

B. Will your access to the lease area be across riparian land?

Yes No

Note: If you selected yes, you will need to complete the landowner permission requirements included in "19. Landowner/Municipal Permission Requirements" of this application.

C. How will you access the proposed site?

Waterfront property owned by Taunton Bay Oyster Co., Inc. and Gordan's Wharf, near Sullivan/Hancock Bridge on Sullivan side. The wharf is public access owned by the town Sullivan.

D. How will your proposed activities affect riparian ingress and egress?

Should have no affect due to being more than 1000' to low water mark from any riparian land owners.

15. TECHNICAL CAPABILITY

Provide information regarding professional expertise. Attaching resume or documentation of practical experience necessary to accomplish the proposed project would satisfy this requirement.

Shellfish processor and wholesaler for more than 40 years.
Experience in lobstering, crabbing and clamming exceeds 40 years.
HACCP (Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point) certified for shellfish processing.
Completed 150 hr. shellfish aquaculture course (Maine Aquaculture Institute).
Successfully raised oysters in Taunton and Hog bays for the past 16 years.
TBOC has 2 leases (TAUN HB4 and TAUN SB2) containing 34.73 acres.

16. FINANCIAL CAPABILITY

A. Financial Capability

Please provide a letter from a financial institution indicating the applicant has an account in good standing.

Note: Any financial information you submit with your application is part of the public record. Please exercise discretion when submitting financial information.

See **Appendix 13**

B. Cost Estimates

Please provide cost estimates of the proposed aquaculture activities.

Estimated cost of full utilization of the proposed lease is \$400,000. This includes 6480 Flip Farm baskets with associated lines and buoys as well as all specialized equipment and 2 – 20' x 24' floats.

17. ESCROW ACCOUNT OR PERFORMANCE BOND

Check the category that describes your operation:

Check Here	Lease Category	Amount of Required Escrow or Performance Bond
<input type="checkbox"/>	No gear/structure, no discharge	\$500.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	No gear/structure, discharge	\$500.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	≤ 400 square feet of gear/structure, no discharge	\$1,500.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	>400 square feet of gear/structure, no discharge	\$5,000.00*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gear/Structure, discharge	\$25,000.00

*DMR may increase the bond/escrow requirements for leases with more than 2,000 square feet of structure.

I, (printed name of applicant) **Bryan (Michael) Briggs** have read DMR Aquaculture Regulations Chapter 2.64(10) (D) and if this proposed lease is granted by DMR, I will either open an escrow account or obtain a performance bond, in the amount determined by the lease category.

Bryan (Michael) Briggs
Applicant Signature

2/7/23
Date

Note: Add title if signing on behalf of a corporate applicant.

ADDITIONAL APPLICANTS: Each applicant must sign this section indicating that they will open an escrow account or obtain a performance bond. Use the space below for additional persons listed on the application. You may attach additional pages, if necessary.

I, (printed name of applicant) _____ have read DMR Aquaculture Regulations Chapter 2.64(10) (D) and if this proposed lease is granted by DMR, I will either open an escrow account or obtain a performance bond, in the amount determined by the lease category.

Applicant Signature

Date

Note: Add title if signing on behalf of a corporate applicant.

18. APPLICANT SIGNATURE PAGE

I hereby state that the information included in this application is true and correct. I have also read and understand the requirements of the Department's rules governing aquaculture and the application instructions pertaining to the standard lease process.

Printed name: Bryan (Michael) Briggs

Title (if corporate applicant): President

Signature:  Date: 2/7/23

18 U.S.C. Section 1001 provides that: Whoever, in any manner within the jurisdiction of any department or agency of the United States knowingly and willfully falsifies, conceals, or covers up any trick, scheme, or disguises a material fact or makes any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations or makes or uses any false writing or document knowing same to contain any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or entry, shall be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned not more than five years or both.

Note:

- All applicants must sign and date this page. Please use the space below, if additional signatures are required.
- Corporate applicants, please be sure to include the title(s) (i.e. President, Treasurer, etc.) of the individual(s) signing on the company's behalf.

Additional Applicant:

Printed name: _____

Title (if corporate applicant): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____



CORPORATE APPLICANT FORM
For Standard and Experimental Aquaculture Lease Applications

Corporations or partnerships that apply for aquaculture leases in the State of Maine must complete this form. Corporations must submit information as requested under A. Corporate Applicant. Partnerships must submit information as requested under B. Partnership Applicant.

A. Corporate Applicant

Note: You must attach a copy of the Articles of Incorporation (Inc.) or Certificate of Formation (LLC) to your application.

1. Name of Corporation: Taunton Bay Oyster Co., Inc.
2. Date of incorporation: 10/13/2000 State of incorporation: Maine
3. List the names, addresses, and titles of all officers:

Name	Address	Title
Bryan (Michael) Briggs	P.O. Box 613, Ellsworth, ME 04605	President

Please use additional sheets if necessary and attach to the application.

4. List the names and addresses of all directors/members:

Name	Address

Please use additional sheets if necessary and attach to the application.

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5. Has the corporation, or any stockholder, director, or officer applied for an aquaculture lease for Maine lands in the past? Yes No

If you selected "yes," please indicate who applied for the lease and the status of the application or lease.

Taunton Bay Oyster Co., Inc. – TAUN HB4 & TAUN SB2 – Active leases.

6. List the names and addresses of all stockholders who own or control at least 5% of the outstanding stock and the percentage of outstanding stock currently owned or controlled by each stockholder.

Name	Address	Percentage of Owned Stock
Bryan (Michael) Briggs	P.O. Box 613, Ellsworth, ME 04605	100%

Please use additional sheets if necessary and attach to the application.

7. List the names and addresses of stockholders, directors, or officers owning an interest, either directly or beneficially, in any other Maine aquaculture leases, as well as the quantity of acreage from existing aquaculture leases attributed to each such person based on the percentage of owned stock listed in question 6. If none, write, "None."

Name	Address	Lease Acronym	Acreage
None			

Please use additional sheets if necessary and attach to the application.

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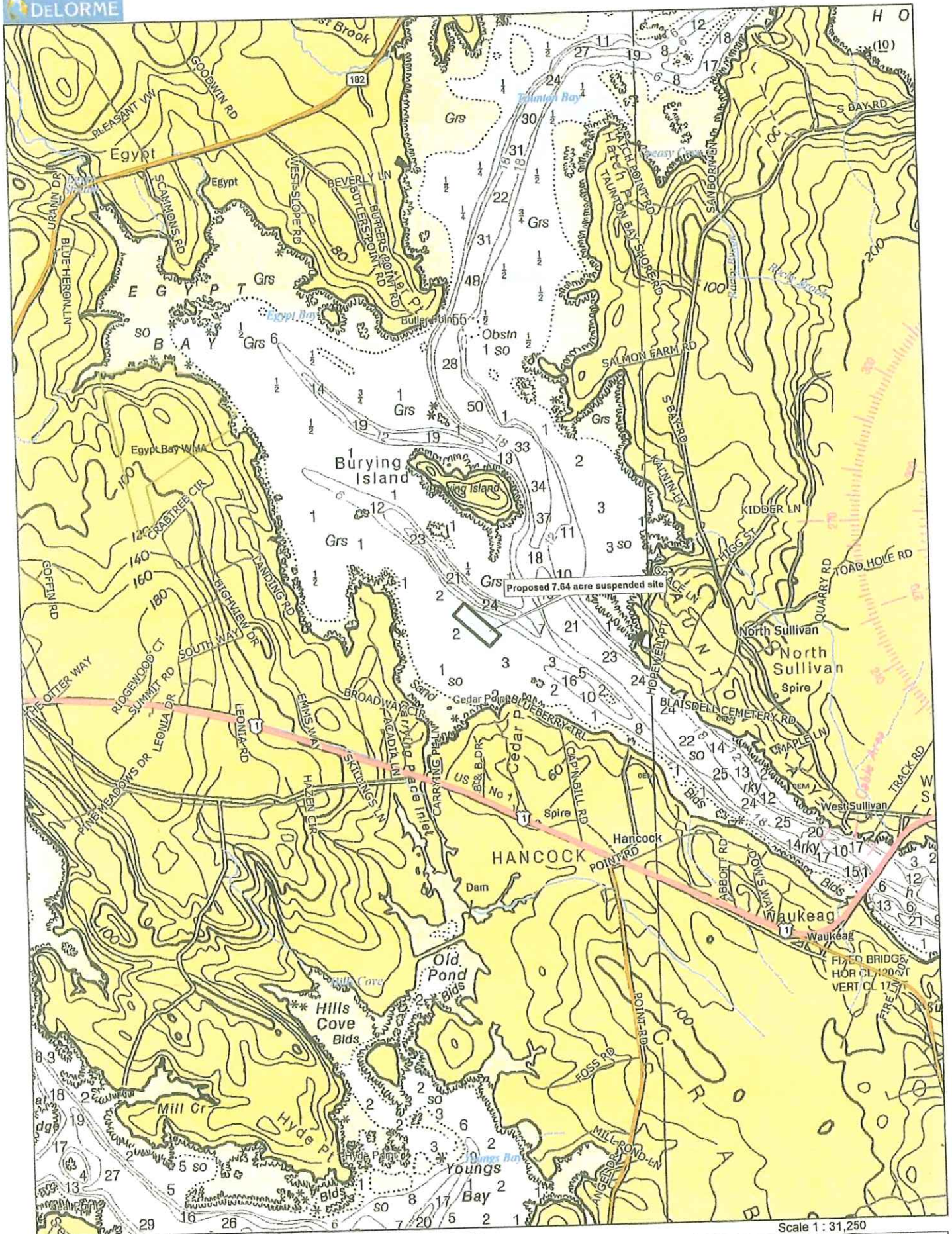
8. Has the corporation or any officer, director, member, or shareholder listed in item 5 above ever been arrested, indicted, convicted of, or adjudicated to be responsible for any violation of any marine resources or environmental protection law, whether state or federal?

Yes No

If you selected "yes", please provide details.

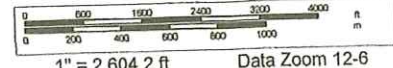
Vicinity Map

Appendix 1



Proposed 7.64 acre suspended site

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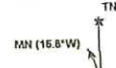


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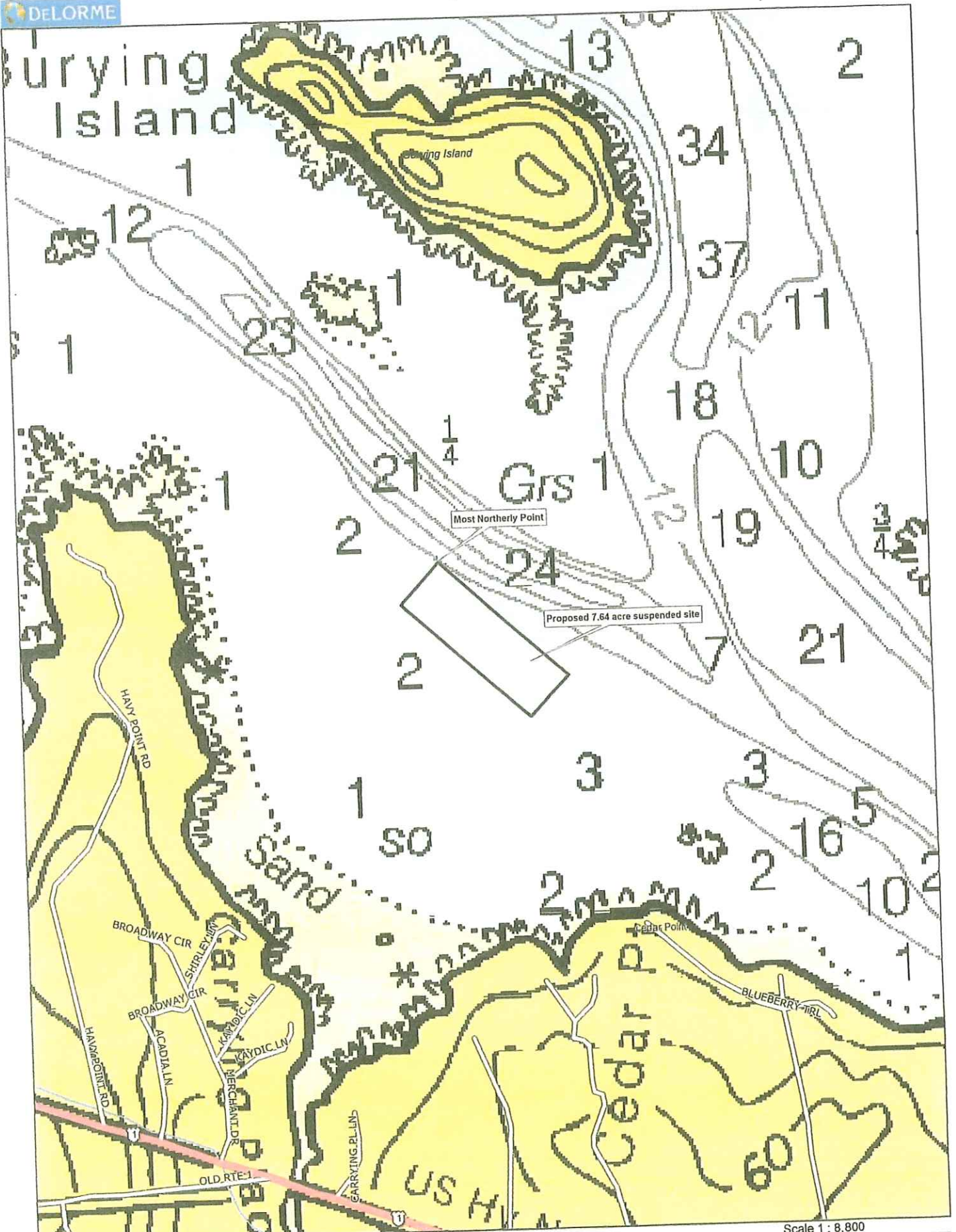
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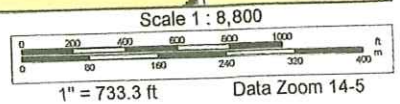
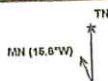
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Gear Drawing

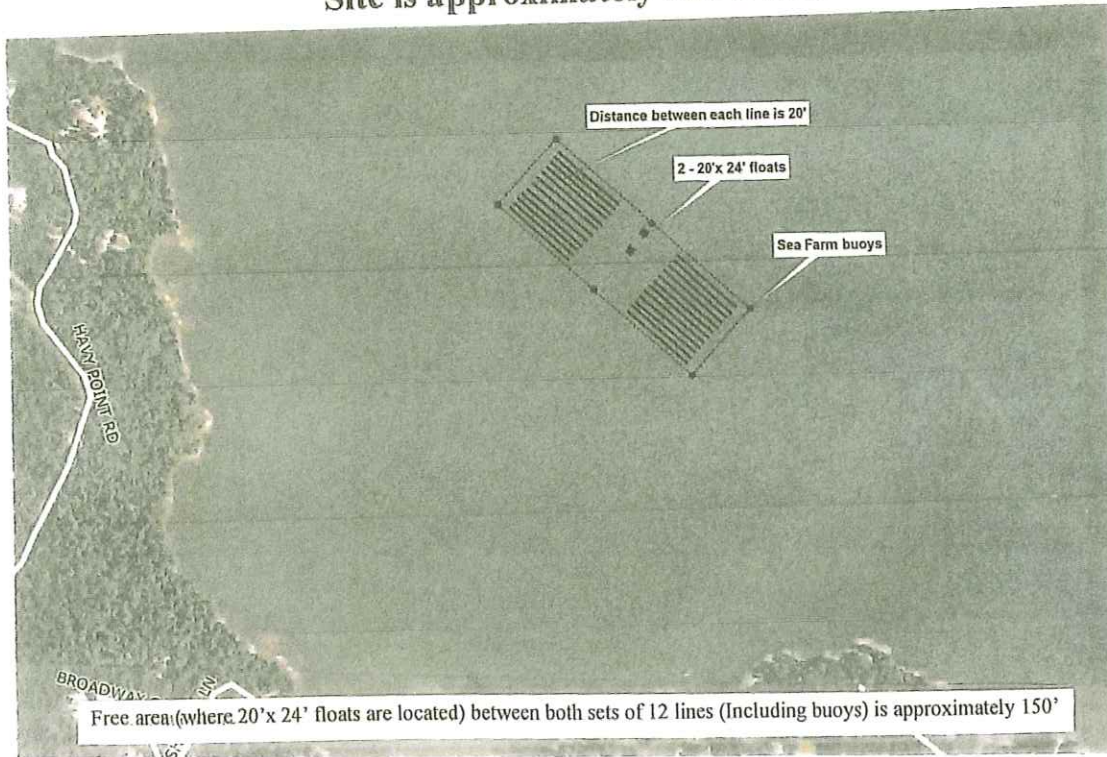


Single Unit Flip Farm Basket

29"L x 13"W x 12"H

(Float would be black not blue)

Site is approximately 325' x 1000'



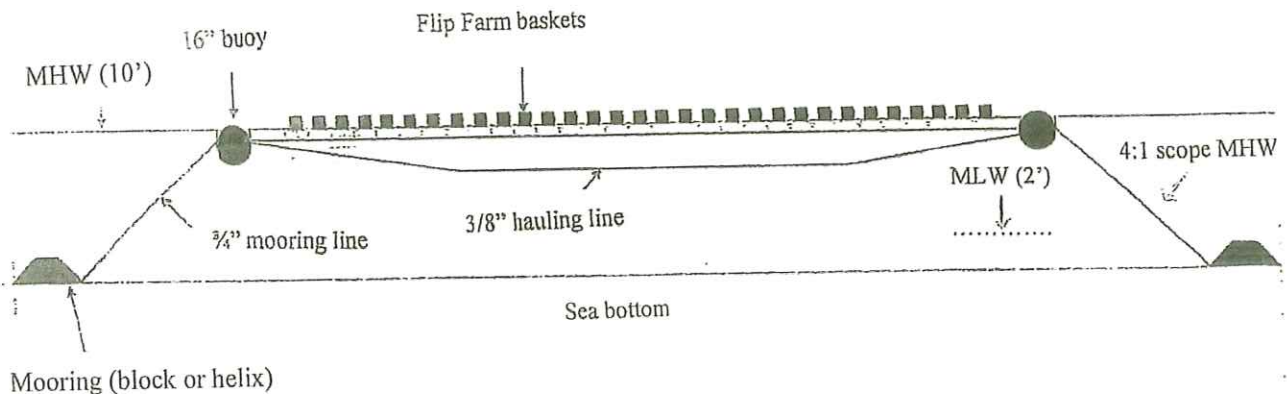
Overhead close-up view of individual line – 270 baskets (295')



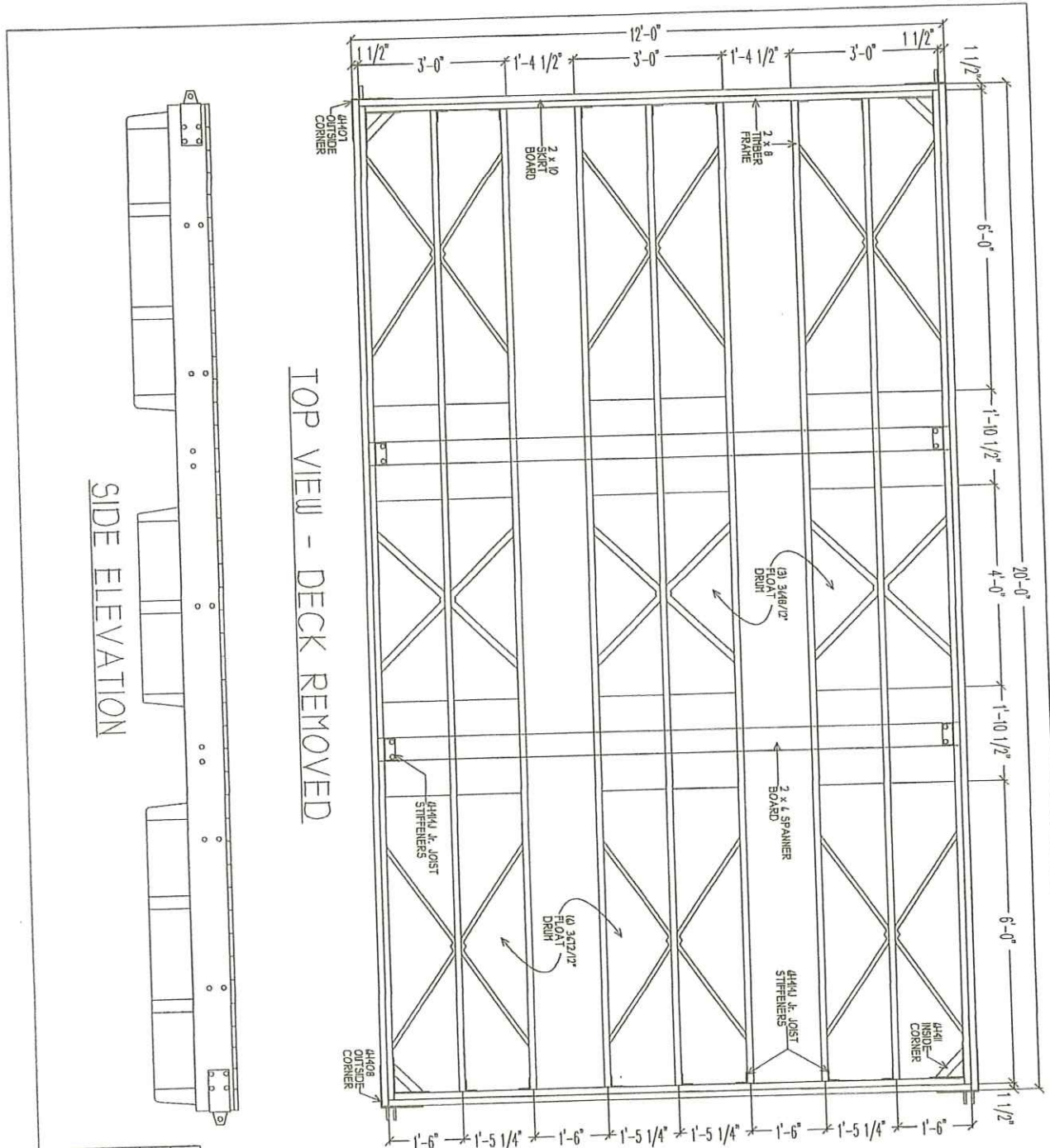
Overhead close-up view of lines showing buoys and mooring



Cross-Section View



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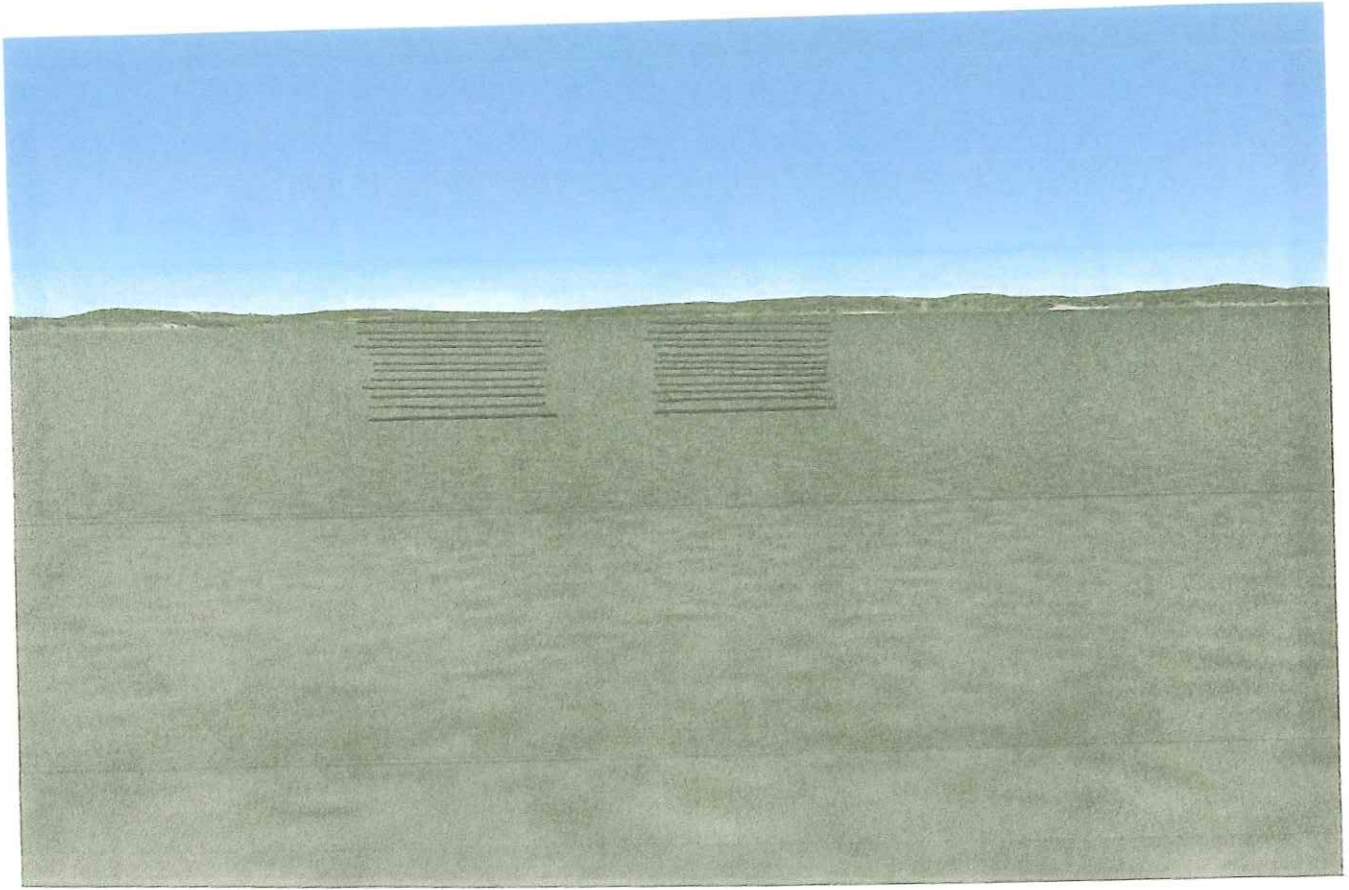
Float would be framed and decked over with rough sawn hemlock
 Floatation would be black plastic coated
 Height above sea level is less than 20"

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DRAWN BY:	LPM	DESIGNED BY:	
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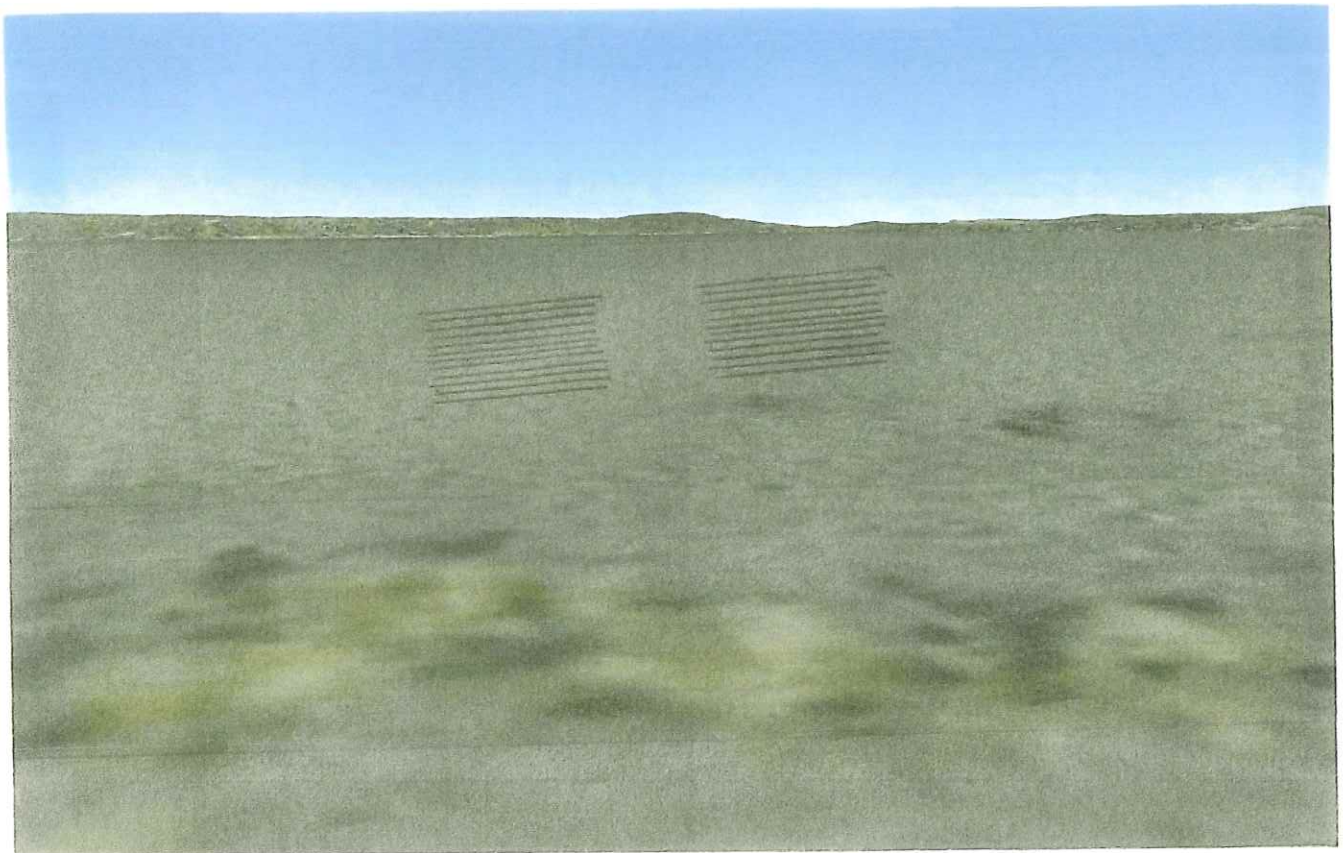
Custom Float Services, Inc.

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View from Carrying Place



View from Havey Point



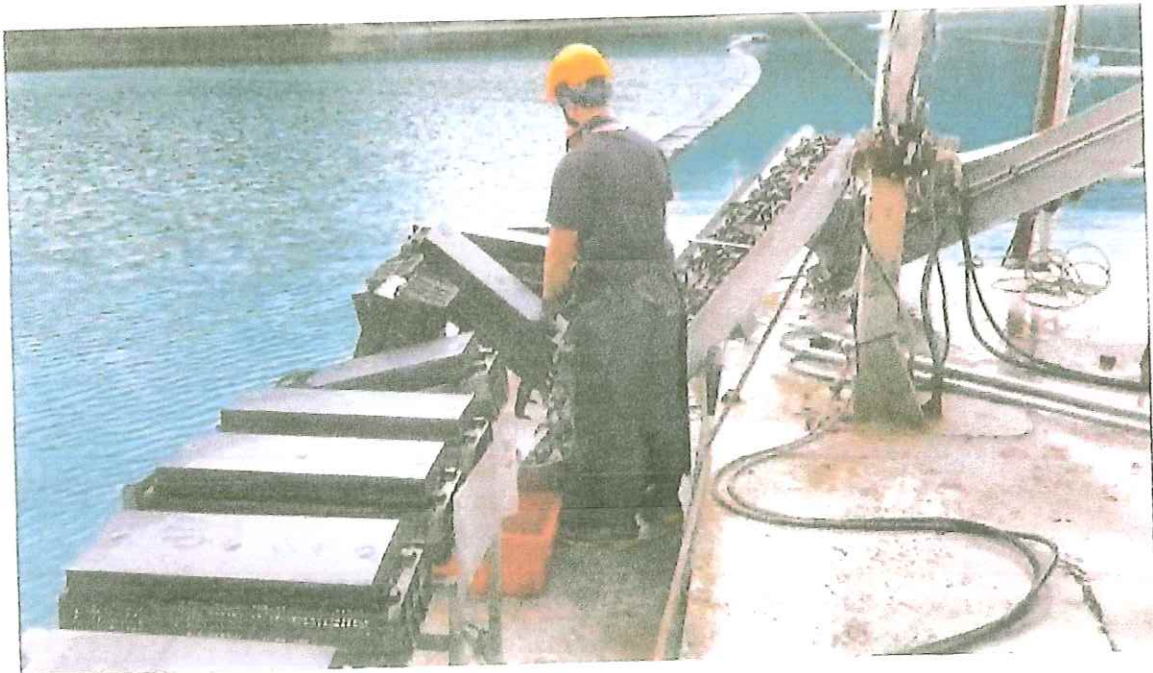
Flip Farm Filling Station (15'L x 5'W x 4'H)



Flip Farm Heli-Cat Flipper (10'L x 5'W x 4'H)

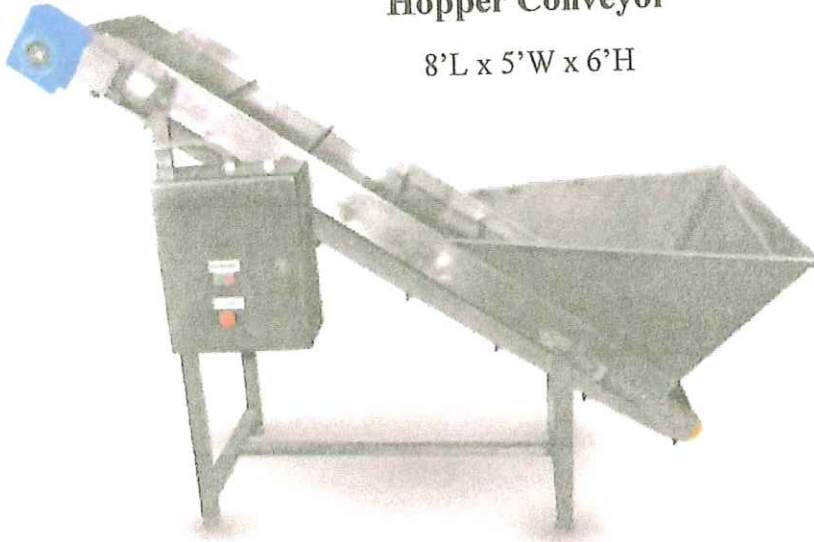


Flip Farm Empty Station (15'L x 5'W x 4'H)



Hopper Conveyor

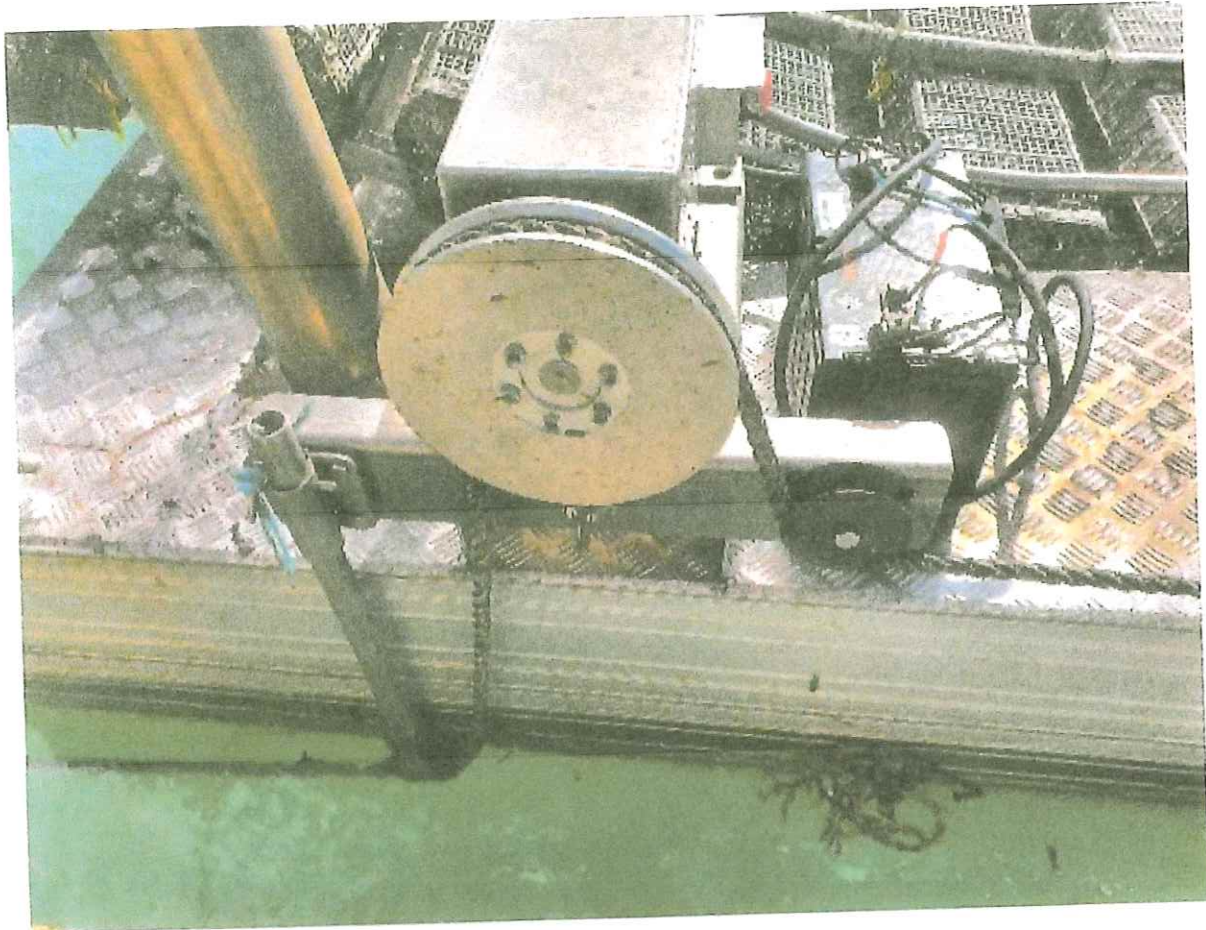
8'L x 5'W x 6'H



Vibrating Sieve

5' Diameter x 3.5'H



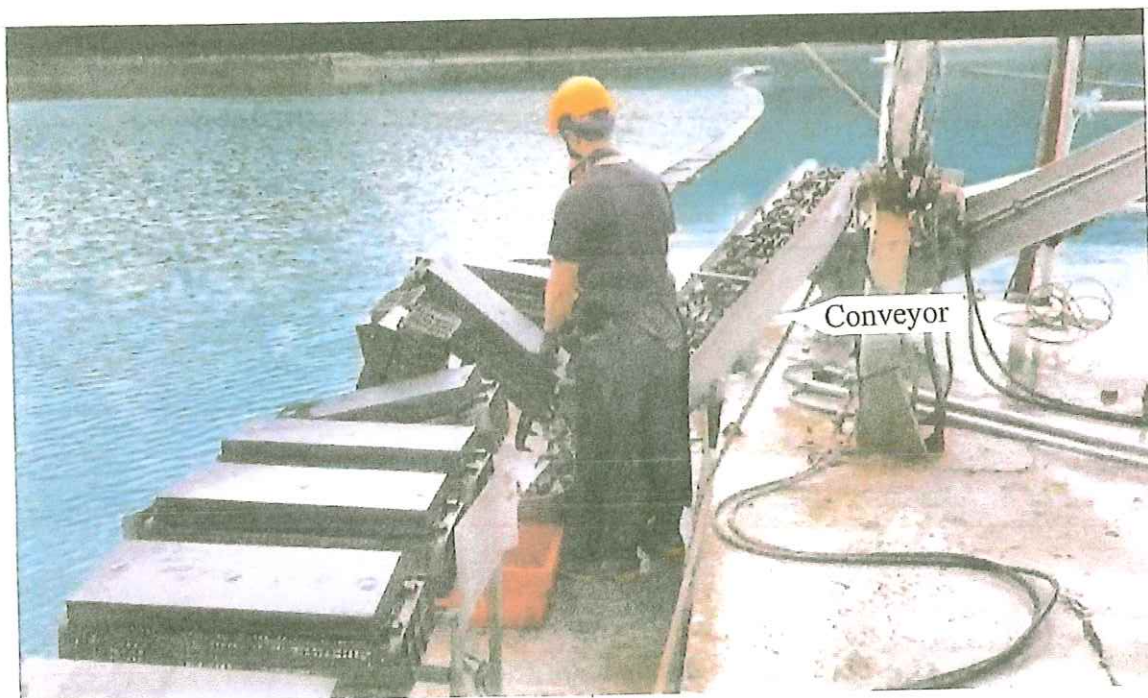


C-Quip Line Hauler
(Will be mounted on boat)



Conveyor used with Empty Station

9'L x 2'W x 1.5'H





October 17, 2022

State of Maine
Department of Marine Resources
State House
August, ME 04333

Re: Taunton Bay Oyster Co, Inc
Bryan C Briggs
PO Box 613
Ellsworth, ME 04605

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is verification of Taunton Bay Oyster Co, Inc.'s relationship with Camden National Bank. Taunton Bay Oyster Co, Inc has been a valuable client of Camden National's since 04/27/2015. During this time they have held a business checking account and numerous commercial loans with us. All accounts have been maintained in a satisfactory manner and all loans have been paid as agreed.

It is our pleasure to have Taunton Bay Oyster Co, Inc as a Business client and look forward to servicing their financial needs for years to come.

Please reach out to me directly if you have any other questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Kimberly E. Currier
Camden National Bank
Banking Center Manager III
66 Main Street
Ellsworth, ME 04605
207.801.2864
kcurrier@CamdenNational.Bank

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DOMESTIC
BUSINESS CORPORATION

STATE OF MAINE

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

(Check box only if applicable)

This is a professional service corporation formed pursuant to 13-MRSA Chapter 22.

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Julie A. Sigman
Deputy Secretary of State

A True Copy When Attested by Signature

Julie A. Sigman
Deputy Secretary of State

Pursuant to 13-A MRSA §403, the undersigned, acting as incorporator(s) of a corporation, adopt(s) the following Articles of Incorporation:

FIRST: The name of the corporation is BLUE RIBBON OYSTER FARMS, INC.
and its principal business location in Maine is Northern Bay, Penobscot, ME 04476
(physical location - street (not P.O. Box), city, state and zip code)

SECOND: The name of its Clerk, who must be a Maine resident, and the registered office shall be:
Peter R. Roy
(name)
6 Water Street, Ellsworth, ME 04605
(physical location - street (not P.O. Box), city, state and zip code)
P.O. BOX 723, ELLSWORTH, ME 04605
(mailing address if different from above)

THIRD: ("X" one box only)

A. 1. The number of directors constituting the initial board of directors of the corporation is _____ (See §703.1.A.)

2. If the initial directors have been selected, the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as directors until the first annual meeting of the shareholders or until their successors are elected and shall qualify are:

NAME	ADDRESS
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

3. The board of directors is is not authorized to increase or decrease the number of directors.

4. If the board is so authorized, the minimum number, if any, shall be _____ directors, (See §703.1.A.) and the maximum number, if any, shall be _____ directors.

B. There shall be no directors initially; the shares of the corporation will not be sold to more than twenty (20) persons; the business of the corporation will be managed by the shareholders. (See §701.2.)

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FOURTEEN: ("X" one box only)

There shall be only one class of shares (title of class) Common

Par value of each share (if none, so state) none Number of shares authorized 1,000

There shall be two or more classes of shares. The information required by §403 concerning each such class is set out in Exhibit attached hereto and made a part hereof.

SUMMARY

The aggregate par value of all authorized shares (of all classes) having a par value is \$ 0

The total number of authorized shares (of all classes) without par value is 1,000 shares

FIFTEEN: ("X" one box only) Meetings of the shareholders may may not be held outside of the State of Maine.

SIXTEEN: ("X" if applicable) There are no preemptive rights.

SEVENTEEN: Other provisions of these articles, if any, including provisions for the regulation of the internal affairs of the corporation, are set out in Exhibit attached hereto and made a part hereof.

INCORPORATORS

Bryan C. Briggs
(signature)

Bryan C. Briggs
(type or print name)

(signature)

(type or print name)

(signature)

(type or print name)

DATED 9/15/00

Street 1850 Tamworth Farm Road Blue Hill
(residence address) ME 04614

(city, state and zip code)

Street _____
(residence address)

(city, state and zip code)

Street _____
(residence address)

(city, state and zip code)

For Corporate Incorporators:

Name of Corporate Incorporator _____

By _____
(signature of officer)

(type or print name and capacity)

Street _____
(principal business location)

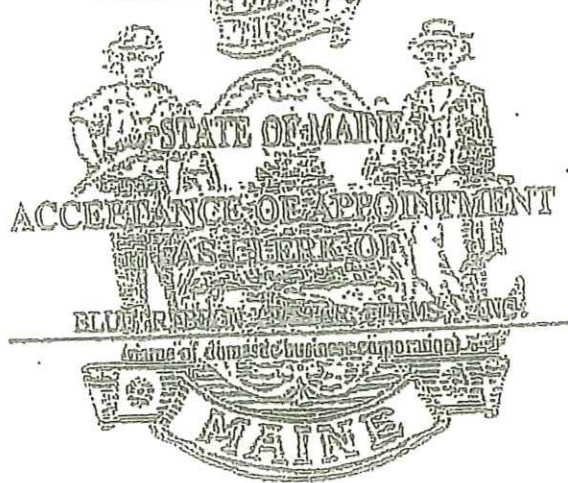
(city, state and zip code)

Articles are to be executed as follows:

If a corporation is an incorporator (§402), the name of the corporation should be typed and signed on its behalf by an officer of the corporation. The articles of incorporation must be accompanied by a certificate of an appropriate officer of the corporation certifying that the person executing the articles on behalf of the corporation was duly authorized to do so.

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DOMESTIC
BUSINESS CORPORATION



Pursuant to 13-A M.R.S.A. §304.2-A, the undersigned hereby accepts the appointment as clerk for the above named domestic business corporation.

CLERK

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Peter R. Roy', is written over a horizontal line. Below the signature, the word '(signature)' is printed in a small font.

(signature)

DATED 10/2/00

Peter R. Roy

(type or print name)

SUBMIT COMPLETED FORMS TO: CORPORATE EXAMINING SECTION, SECRETARY OF STATE,
101 STATE HOUSE STATION, AUGUSTA, ME 04333-0101
TEL. (207) 287-4195

DOMESTIC
BUSINESS CORPORATION

STATE OF MAINE

ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT

(Shareholders Voting as One Class)

Blue Ribbon Oyster Farms, Inc.

(Name of Corporation)

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Julia R. Flynn
Deputy Secretary of State

A True Copy When Attested By Signature

Julia R. Flynn
Deputy Secretary of State

Pursuant to 13-A M.R.S.A. §§805 and 807, the undersigned corporation adopts these Articles of Amendment:

FIRST: All outstanding shares were entitled to vote on the following amendment as one class.

SECOND: The amendment set out in Exhibit A attached was adopted by the shareholders on (date) August 19, 2002
("X" one box only)

at a meeting legally called and held OR by unanimous written consent

THIRD: Shares outstanding and entitled to vote and shares voted for and against said amendment were:

<u>Number of Shares Outstanding and Entitled to Vote</u>	<u>NUMBER Voted For</u>	<u>NUMBER Voted Against</u>
1000.	1000.	0 .

FOURTH: If such amendment provides for exchange, reclassification or cancellation of issued shares, the manner in which this shall be effected is contained in Exhibit B attached if it is not set forth in the amendment itself.

FIFTH: If the amendment changes the number or par values of authorized shares, the number of shares the corporation has authority to issue thereafter, is as follows:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Series (If Any)</u>	<u>Number of Shares</u>	<u>Par Value (If Any)</u>
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The aggregate par value of all such shares (of all classes and series) having par value is \$ _____

The total number of all such shares (of all classes and series) without par value is _____ shares 41

SIXTH:

The address of the registered office of the corporation in the State of Maine is _____

6 Water Street, PO Box 723, Ellsworth, ME 04605.

(street, city, state and zip code)

DATED August 30, 2002

*By _____ (signature)

Peter R. Roy, Clerk

(type or print name and capacity)

*By _____ (signature)

(type or print name and capacity)

MUST BE COMPLETED FOR VOTE OF SHAREHOLDERS

I certify that I have custody of the minutes showing the above action by the shareholders.



(signature of clerk, secretary or asst. secretary)

NOTE: This form should not be used if any class of shares is entitled to vote as a separate class for any of the reasons set out in §806, or because the articles so provide. For vote necessary for adoption see §805.

*This document **MUST** be signed by (1) the Clerk OR (2) the President or a vice-president *and* the Secretary or an assistant secretary, or such other officer as the bylaws may designate as a 2nd certifying officer OR (3) if there are no such officers, then a majority of the Directors or such directors as may be designated by a majority of directors then in office OR (4) if there are no such directors, then the Holders, or such of them as may be designated by the holders, of record of a majority of all outstanding shares entitled to vote thereon OR (5) the Holders of all of the outstanding shares of the corporation.

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ACTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
OF SHAREHOLDERS OF
BLUE RIBBON OYSTER FARMS, INC.

The undersigned, being the sole shareholder of Blue Ribbon Oyster Farms, Inc., hereby takes the following action by unanimous consent without the necessity of calling a formal meeting:

The corporation wishes to change its name from Blue Ribbon Oyster Farms, Inc. to Taunton Bay Oyster Company, Inc. The following resolution is hereby adopted to authorize Peter R. Roy, the corporate clerk, to execute all necessary documents with the Secretary of State to accomplish said name change.

BE IT RESOLVED that by unanimous vote of the shareholders, the Corporate Clerk, Peter R. Roy, is hereby authorized to prepare and file with the Office of the Secretary of State such documents as may be necessary to change the name of the corporation from Blue Ribbon Oyster Farms, Inc. to Taunton Bay Oyster Company, Inc.

The undersigned, being the sole shareholder of Blue Ribbon Oyster Farms, Inc., hereby approves and adopts the aforementioned resolution.

Date

August 19, 2002



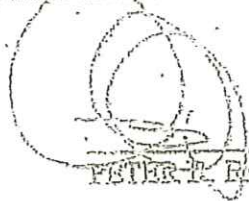
Bryan C. Briggs

CERTIFICATE OF RESOLUTION

I, Peter R. Roy, do hereby certify that I am the Clerk of Blue Ribbon Oyster Farms, Inc. (hereinafter called the "Corporation"), the following is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by unanimous consent of the shareholders on August 19, 2002 and entered on the Minute Book of the Corporation. This resolution has not been revoked, amended or modified since its adoption.

1. BE IT RESOLVED that by unanimous vote of the shareholders, the Corporate Clerk, Peter R. Roy, is hereby authorized to prepare and file with the Office of the Secretary of State such documents as may be necessary to change the name of the corporation from Blue Ribbon Oyster Farms, Inc. to Taunton Bay Oyster Company, Inc.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have affixed my hand and seal as clerk of the corporation
this 30th day of August, 2002.



PETER R. ROY, CLERK