



STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES
21 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE
04333-0021

PATRICK C. KELIHER
COMMISSIONER

Date: October 26, 2023
To: Town of Hancock, Municipal Officials and Zach Piper, Harbormaster
Lease applicant
ME IF&W, and DACF
GovDelivery Aquaculture List
From: Department of Marine Resources (DMR) Aquaculture Division
Re: Notice of Completed Application

The DMR has received a completed standard lease application for the following:

Applicant	Taunton Bay Oyster Co., Inc.	
Culture Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Bottom culture (No gear)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suspended culture (Bottom and/or surface gear)
Species	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shellfish <input type="checkbox"/> Marine algae <input type="checkbox"/> Finfish <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Waterbody, Town	Taunton Bay, Hancock	
Lease Size and Term	7.46 Acres	20 Years

The next step in the review process is a required site visit. DMR scientists will visit the proposed lease site and assess the area in consideration of applicable lease decision criteria. After the site review is complete, a site report will be published and posted to DMR's website. A public hearing will then be scheduled. The public hearing is an opportunity for members of the public to provide testimony and evidence about the proposal as it relates to the criteria DMR must legally consider in evaluating a standard lease. At this juncture, DMR is unable to estimate when a public hearing will be scheduled but notice of the proceeding will be provided in accordance with applicable law.

To view a copy of the completed application, please visit DMR's Aquaculture webpage. Applications are available under 'Maine Aquaculture Leases and LPAs.'

Questions concerning this notice may be directed to the Aquaculture Division at (207) 350-7815 or DMRaquaculture@maine.gov