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TO: Riparian (shorefront) landowners within 1,000 ft. of proposed aquaculture lease site
Towns of Damariscotta and Newcastle and Paul Bryant, Harbormaster of Damariscotta & Newcastle, Maine
General and case-specific mailing lists for lease application # 2017-16

RE: Public hearing on proposed aquaculture lease

The Department of Marine Resources will hold a public hearing as follows:

July 2, 2018 @ 6:00 p.m.
Newcastle Fire Department
86 River Road
Newcastle, ME 04553

The purpose of the hearing is to consider an application filed by Pemaquid Oyster Company, Inc. for an 8.33-acre, 10-year aquaculture lease located in the Damariscotta River, Damariscotta and Newcastle, Maine, for bottom culture of American/Eastern oysters, European oysters, hard clams, Atlantic surf clams, and razor clams.

A copy of the public notice of the hearing is attached. If you are receiving this notice by e-mail, pdf copies of the application and site report are also attached. If you are receiving this notice through the U.S. mail and want to view or print a copy of the application and site report, please go to the Department's web site at:
<http://www.maine.gov/dmr/aquaculture/leases/pending/index.html>. To request paper copies of these documents, please contact Cindy Burke at the address below.

ALTERNATE HEARING DATE: If the July 2, 2018 hearing is postponed or cannot be concluded by a reasonable hour, the hearing will be continued on July 9, 2018 at 6:00 pm at the same location, and a notice will be posted at
<http://www.maine.gov/dmr/index.html>, under "Meetings."

IF YOU INTEND TO PARTICIPATE IN PERSON in the public hearing on this application, please refer to the enclosed public notice.

DEADLINE FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS: To be considered in this case, written comments, including faxes and e-mails, regarding this application must be received by the Department no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 29, 2018.

Questions or written comments concerning the application may be addressed to:

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