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PUBLIC NOTICE

| File Number: | 2003-06-098 (modification) | Date: | March 3, 2015 | |
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| This office has | under consideration the application of: | | | |
| | Christopher W | Varfel | | |
| | Sun Farm Oy | sters | | |
| | PO Box 87 | 71 | | |
| | New Shoreham, R | I 02807 | | |

for a State of Rhode Island Modification of Assent to: relocate upweller configuration from the original locations on the aquaculture lease site to the deeper parts of the lease site, also reducing the number of upwellers from 3 to 2; to add an 8'x16' sorting platform to the site; and add an 8'x16' work platform for bag storage and defouling.

| Project Location: | Trims Pond |
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| City/Town: | New Shoreham |
| Waterway: | Trims Pond |

Plans of the proposed work may be seen at the CRMC office in Wakefield.

In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act (Chapter 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws) you may request a hearing on this matter.

You are advised that if you have good reason to enter protests against the proposed work it is your privilege to do so. It is expected that objectors will review the application and plans thoroughly, visit site of proposed work if necessary, to familiarize themselves with the conditions and cite what law or laws, if any, would in their opinion be violated by the work proposed.

If you desire to protest, you must attend the scheduled hearing and give sworn testimony. A notice of the time and place of such hearing will be furnished you as soon as possible after receipt of your request for hearing. If you desire to request a hearing, to receive consideration, it should be in writing (with your correct mailing address, e-mail address and valid contact number) and be received at this office on or before April 2, 2015.

Date: February 25, 2015



To: David Beutel, Aquaculture Coordinator, CRMC

cc:

From: Sun Farm Oysters

Re: Modification request to lease 2003-06098, Trims Pond, Town of New Shoreham, RI

Mr. Beutel:

We are requesting modification to our lease 2003-06098.

I am providing additional clarification information for review in addition to the CRMC Assent Modification Request Form.

- 1) Attached is a map showing the original and requested location of the upwellers. The basis for this request is explained on the Modification Request Form.
- 2) The attached map also shows the requested location of the sorting and defouling platforms. We would like to place these together at the location shown to reduce exposure of the platforms to high winds and fetch. This will also group the platforms into one area, which may be viewed as a better aesthetic approach.
- 3) The method of defouling that we would like to continue to use is air drying of our floating culture. We call these High Density PolyEthylene (HDPE) floaties. Floaties are difficult to stack in a compact form due to the floats having a larger cross section than the bags. Stacking one on top of another can only be done to approximately two and one-half feet before the stack begins to loose vertical symmetry. It is better to use more surface area (more stacks), than less, but higher stacks. A larger number of stacks also facilitates the defouling as more surface area is exposed to sunlight. Air drying is the least invasive method we know of to remove fouling organisms. We do not use pressure washers as they can damage gear. Air drying requires that we rotate the floaties every couple of days, moving the floaties from the bottom of the stack, to the top so they are more exposed to sunlight.



Picture of floatie, assembled

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From the office of Christopher Warfel

4) Floaties not needed are removed from the lease and stored in the owner's yard along with the other farm gear.

I have enclosed a check for \$250.

Sincerely,

Christopher Warfel, PE, President,

Sun Farm Oysters, LLC

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