STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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PUBLIC NOTICE

File Number:	2011-11-021	Date:	December 19, 2011	
This office has under consideration the application of:				
	Curtis Jackson 77 Lucy Avenue Tiverton, RI 0287			

for a State of Rhode Island Assent to construct and maintain: a three acre aquaculture lease in Bluebell Cove, Portsmouth. The operation plan is for clams under tents, and oysters in bags on a bottom longline. Please see the attached documents for the plan and location.

Project Location:	Bluebell Cove
City/Town:	Portsmouth
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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 January 19, 2012.

Aquaculture Plan

This aquaculture plan proposes to grow steamers, oysters, quahogs and bay scallops. The steamers and oysters are the basis of this aquaculture. I would like to try quahogs and scallops to see how they do. All will be under clam tents in the sand portion of the lease. Seed for this aquaculture will come from a hatchery such as ARC. Another possibility for seed is a natural set on the tents themselves. The nets would lay flat on the bottom so that small seed can bisill to it. When seed arrives from the DEM approved hatchery it will be placed under tents. When tents get dirty they will be replaced with dried or new net. The portion of the aquculture that is in the mud using 80 pi bags on a long line system will be used only for growing oysters only.



Site Impact

The negative impact of this site will be very low, due to the bottom utilization. Boaters or kayakers will for the most part be able to boat right over the site, as if it where not present. It will only utilize eight or nine inches of the bottom. The visual of the aquaculture from the water surface will be four corner buoys to mark the site. The positive aspects of the aquaculture is that all clams, oysters, and scallops are all tiny little filters that will help clean the water. After seed reaches adult size they will spawn and therefore help the natural sets of steamers, quahogs, oysters, scallops to grow and flourish in the area.



