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PUBLIC NOTICE

File Number: 2015-02-056

Date: February 27, 2015

This office has under consideration the application of:

Harvey Cataldo
15 East Shore Road
Narragansett, RI 02882

for a State of Rhode Island Assent to maintain: a commercial viability permit for floating and bottom oyster aquaculture. This application is for the second 18 month period for a commercial viability aquaculture permit (the two 18 month periods are permitted separately).

Project Location:	Point Judith Pond (East Pond)
City/Town:	Narragansett
Waterway:	Point Judith 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 March 30, 2015.

Bluff Hill Cove Oyster Company

**15 East Shore Road
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February 19, 2015

Mr. David Beutel
Aquaculture Coordinator
CRMC
4808 Tower Hill Road
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RE: Commercial Viability Site 2013-08-017 Extension

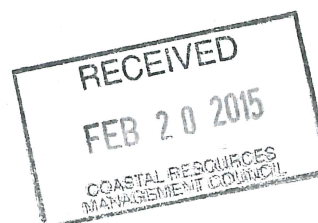
East Pond (Great Island)
Authorized thru August 15, 2015

The first 18 months of this project have been very successful, so much so that I am in the process of finalizing a full lease application for this site that will be submitted to the CRMC in the next couple of weeks.

In the interim I am asking for an additional 18 month on my current viability lease so that I can continue growing the product I have in the water while my full lease application is being reviewed. I am asking that the extension start on the expiration date of the current viability lease.

During my first 18 months I have had no complaints about my operation; I have though had many people stop during the summer curious of what I was growing. I have always taken the time with anyone who stopped by my operation, and explained the whole process to them. Feedback has always been 100 percent positive.

I have attended workshops, joined the East Coast Shellfish Growers Association, Ocean State Aquaculture Association, have joined and I monitor as well as participate in their listserv. In my free time I work on an approved oyster farm in Point Judith Pond – I find that the learning process in this industry never ends.



I have attached the original application and paperwork to my extension application as it is all still applicable – my operation plan and gear will remain the same, the boundaries of my site will not change. All additional seed purchased will come from approved hatcheries and or nurseries that have the proper pathology reports and only after the proper authority has been notified.

There is one modification that I do ask for – I would like to place some of my oysters directly on the bottom so that I can do some comparisons between bottom placed final grow-out and start to finish in the grow-out bags.

I have also attached additional photographs of how the site looks set up and running along with some pictures of oysters grown on the site.

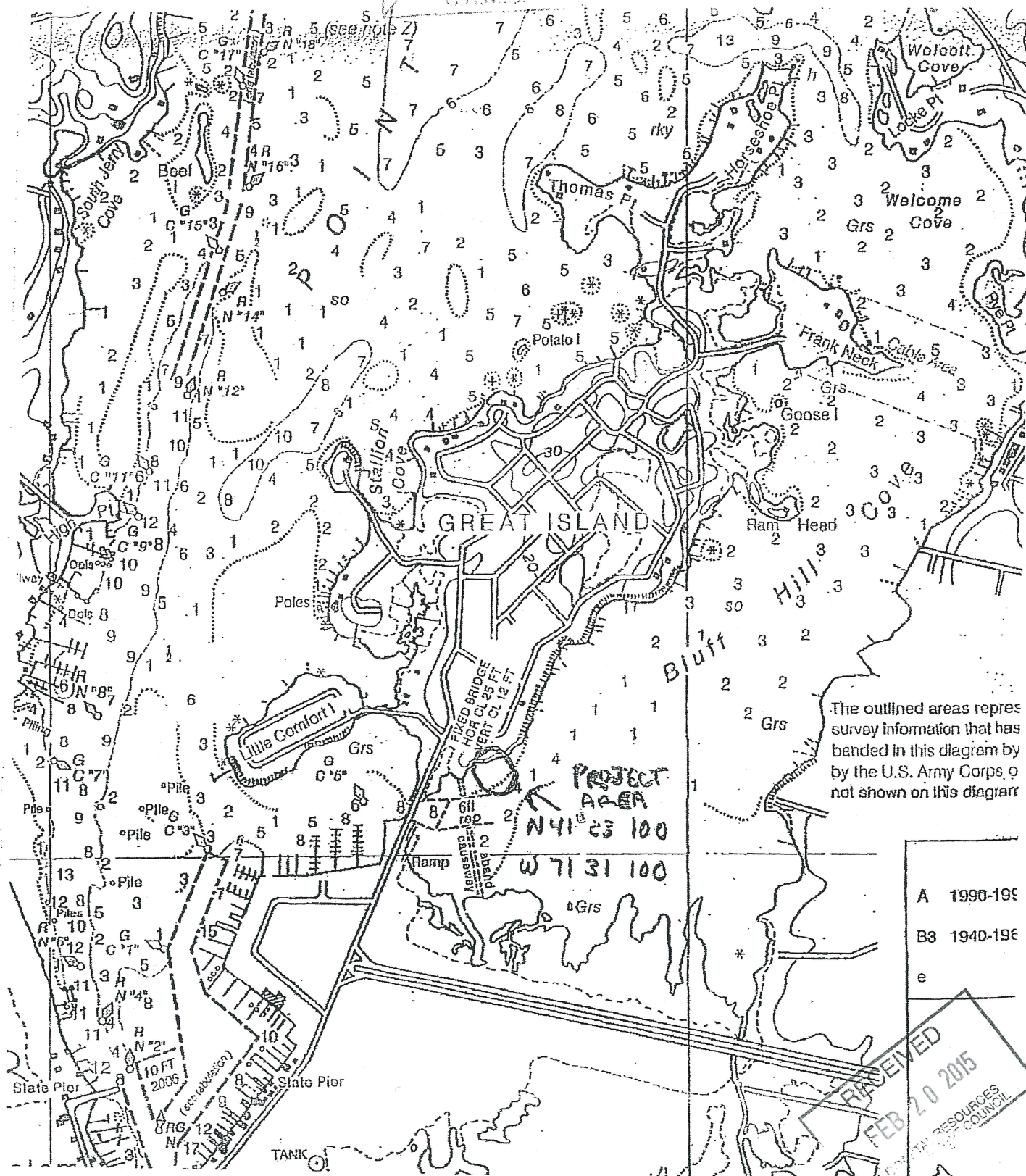
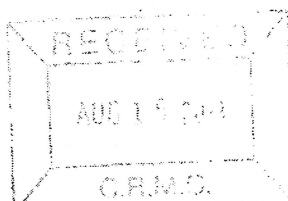
Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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Harvey Cataldo



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