PUBLIC NOTICE

File Number: 2015-05-107  Date: June 9, 2015

This office has under consideration the application of:

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for a State of Rhode Island Assent to create and maintain: a 14.95 acre oyster farm in Ninigret Pond. Bottom planted oysters would be year round on 4.27 acres. A seasonal area (Oct. to June 1) is requested for cages of oysters for winter storage. Please see the attached map and written description from applicant.

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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 July 9, 2015.
This proposed rectangular area (1850'x300') will be used in the culture of hard clams and Eastern Oysters. The northern and deepest end of the rectangle (shown on the map) will measure 250'x1860' and will be used for cage culture where cages will be affixed to a trawl line. Periodically a boat will be on site to remove cages and grade oysters. This portion of the lease will only be active between the first Monday in October and June first. The shallower southern end (shown on the map) of the rectangle measures 100'x1850' and will be used for bottom culture of hard clams and oysters. The hard clams and oysters will be grown together in order to increase biodiversity in the area. Periodically a boat will be on site to harvest with a bullrake. Between Memorial Day and Labor day, work will only commence here on weekdays. The oysters or clams will then be graded and sorted for market and replant. The site will be marked by a single 12" lobster pot buoy at each of the 4 corners. The cage culture section will be marked only for the time frame which it is in use (Oct-June) and the bottom culture section will remain marked all year. The proposed site is sand substrate in the shallowest southern sections which changes to a silty/muddy sand bottom in the depths on the north end.