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PUBLIC NOTICE

File Number: 2015-09-105

Date: October 23, 2015

This office has under consideration the application of:

Walrus & Carpenter Oysters LLC
c/o Jules Opton-Himmel
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Providence, RI 02909

for a State of Rhode Island Assent to construct and maintain: a two acre oyster aquaculture site in combination with application 2015-09-103 for winter storage and summer grow out of oysters. Cages would be used for winter storage, while cages and floating gear are proposed for the other months. Please see attached map. An abridged electronic copy of this application is available upon request.

Project Location:	Dutch Island Harbor
City/Town:	Jamestown
Waterway:	Dutch Island Harbor

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 November 23, 2015.

Concise Description of Proposed Project:

Walrus and Carpenter Oysters LLC is an established and successful oyster farming and distribution company located in Rhode Island. The company has been in business for 6 years and has six employees. The company would like to (a) expand its operation to include a new grow-out site, (b) to implement a different method of oyster culture using floating or suspended gear and (c) to diversify its crop production to include kelp and/or possibly mussels in the future.

This application is to lease 2.0-acres in Narragansett Bay off of Conanicut Island for the purpose of aquaculture. The proposed site, which will hereafter be referred to as "Site B", is located off of the southwest coast of Conanicut Island between Jamestown Brook and Great Creek in 4-10 feet of water at MLW. Site B will be used to overwinter oysters in subsurface bottom gear from December thru March. However, since aquaculture requires adaptive management the option to grow oysters in bottom and/or floating gear at this site year-round should the need arise is also respectfully requested.

Site B will be used in conjunction with an additional nearby site, "Site A", for which a separate application has been submitted. Site A would be 5.0-acres located on the southeast side of Dutch Island in roughly 30-feet of water at MLW. This site would be used to culture oysters from April thru November in floating or suspended gear and kelp from December to March on submerged long lines.

