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COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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PUBLIC NOTICE

File Number: 2016-10-036   Date: October 21, 2016

This office has under consideration the application of:

David Lovesky, et al
45 Briarwood Drive
Charlestown, RI   02813

for a State of Rhode Island Assent to create and maintain:

a one acre bottom plant oyster farm

Project Location:	Quonochontaug Pond
City/Town:	Charlestown
Waterway:	Quonochontaug 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 ___November 20, 2016_____.

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Operational Plan:

1. *Name and Mailing Address:* David Lovesky – 45 Briarwood Drive, Charlestown RI 02813

2. *CRMC File Number:* D 2016-05-007

3. *DEM Aquaculture License Number:* Not yet obtained

4. *Type of Facility:* Commercial Lease

5. *Location of Facility:* Quonochontaug Pond, Charlestown, RI.

6. <u>41.34416 N, -71.72319 W</u>

7. *Species:* Eastern Oyster (Crassostrea virginica)

8. *Types of Structures, Gear and Methods:* We would like to grow Eastern Oysters using a direct bottom plant method on a one (1) acre lease. The public access beach and parking area at the Quonochontaug West Beach Breachway will be used to move planting/harvesting equipment and oysters to and from the site.

9. *Methods and equipment used to identify and mark the site:* The designated aquaculture area boundaries will be marked with four 11-inch white corner buoys, as required by law, which will be secured to the bottom with dead weight anchors.

10. *DEM Shellfish Harvesting Classification:* 11QW

11. *Practices and Procedures Used:* The proposed bottom plant site will be specifically used for both growth and storage on a year round basis, thereby eliminating the need for the transportation of any shellfish except during planting and harvesting. Oysters will be planted in September of their first year of growth and harvested in October/November of their second year of growth. No gear will remain on the site. The oysters will be inspected via scuba approximately 1 to 2 times per month between Memorial Day and Labor Day, depending upon oyster growth rates. During this time, the site will only be inspected on week days, Monday through Friday, during mid-day hours (10:00 am to 2:00 pm). The oysters may be inspected approximately once a month during the months of December through April when oyster growth is minimal. Apart from our vessel tending the bottom plant, no operational activities will be visible from the shore or from the water. In order to grow oyster seed to reduce predation risks, we will apply to CRMC to use one or more upwellers at residential docks. Ideally, the first batch of oysters will be set in September 2017. These oysters will occupy approximately one half of the acre between the months of September 2017 through November 2018. Subsequent batches of oysters will be deployed each September.

12. *Procedure for maintaining records:* Records of seed origin, size grade, and set/haul dates will be kept in a waterproof notebook for in the field use. This information will also be recorded and mapped out on the program in Microsoft Excel.

Grow-Out and Storage Site – Map