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PUBLIC NOTICE

File Number: 2026-09-102 Date: October 28, 2026

This office has under consideration the application of:

Anthony John Daluise Jr.
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for a State of Rhode Island Assent to construct and maintain: a two-acre shellfish aquaculture farm in the upper Sakonnet River, approximately farm 1300 feet off the Portsmouth shoreline, for the cultivation of Eastern Oysters and Bay Scallops using submerged bottom cages, suspended lantern nets, and low-profile floating baskets. For more details, please see the plans for the proposed work attached to this notice.

Project Location:	Sakonnet River
Nearest Town:	Portsmouth
Waterway:	Upper Sakonnet River

Plans of the proposed work can be requested at Cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov.

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 28, 2026**.

Please email your comments/hearing requests to: cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov; or mail via USPS to: Coastal Resources Management Council; O. S. Government Center, 4808 Tower Hill Road, Rm 116; Wakefield, RI 02879.

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Proposed Aquaculture Lease Cover Letter

To Whom it May Concern,

This application is proposing a 2 acre aquaculture lease. The proposed lease will be situated an estimated 1300ft East of the coast of Portsmouth, in the Northern Sakonnet section of Narragansett Bay. The Lease will cultivate the Eastern Oyster (Crassostrea virginica) and Bay Scallop (Argopecten irradians). This location is outside of any navigational waterways, not located in the immediate area of any public boat/water accesses, and is situated in type 2 Low Intensity use waters. (crmc.ri.gov).

The Farm, when built out completely, will consist of 8 floating lines running parallel with the shoreline (North-South), affixed to the substrate at their Northern and Southern points, mooring buoys will be present to indicate the location of a 500 lb mushroom anchor. 6 lines will consist of 9 sections, each holding 50 Flip farm bags for a total of 450 flip farm bags per line, for a total of 2700 on the farm. The remaining 2 lines will be designed the same except they will consist of an uninterrupted floating line from which lantern nets will be fastened (up to 60 per line) to cultivate Bay Scallops. In the winter months these 2 lines will be cleared and removed. The line being used for both buoy/horizontal lines is 1 inch superpro triple braid floating line with a test weight of 10,000lbs. Additionally, 1 line of bottom cages will be set up in a trawl line along the seafloor to allow for deep water soaking of product in the summer months prior to sale.

All Oyster and Bay Scallop husbandry/harvesting and sale will be done on a vessel working on the farm following the guidelines set by the CRMC. Bagging/Tagging/Icing of product will be done on this vessel immediately after harvest, where it will then be transferred to a truck located on land to be shipped.

I have been involved in Aquaculture since September of 2020 and am committed to continuing my career in this State and in the ever expanding Aquaculture industry of the coastal waters in the North East. Feel free to inquire about questions, comments or concerns by emailing [redacted]

Thank you.
Anthony John Daluise Jr

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Looking North (Figure 1)



Looking South (Figure 2)



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Looking East (Figure 3)



Looking West (Figure 4)



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Location Map of Proposed Lease in Blue (Figure 5):



Proposed Lease Area

NorthWest Corner: 41° 36' 32.2524" N, 71° 14' 8.5092" W
NorthEast Corner: 41° 36' 32.0796" N, 71° 14' 6.3456" W
SouthEast Corner: 41° 36' 26.8164" N, 71° 14' 6.7992" W
SouthWest Corner: 41° 36' 26.9748" N, 71° 14' 9.0096" W

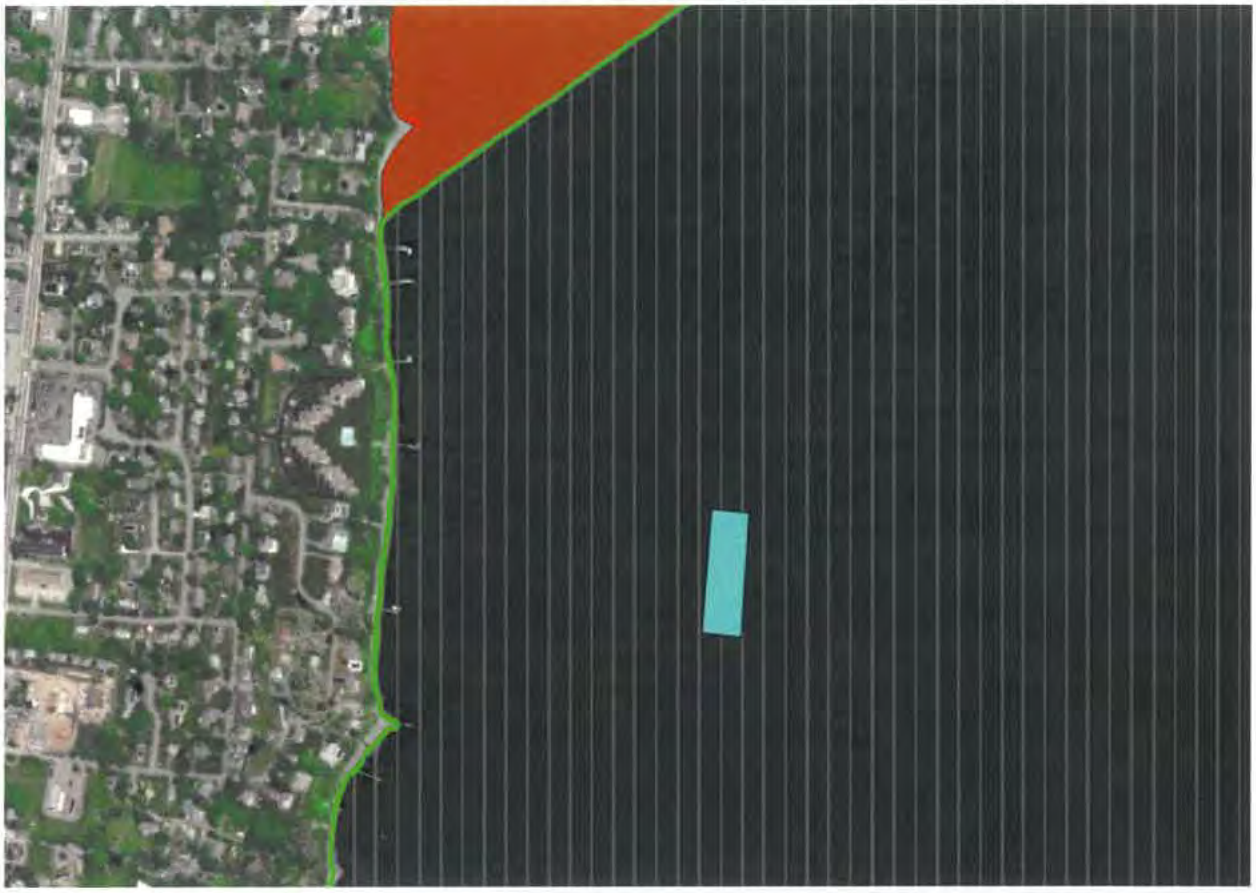
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Other Approved Aquaculture Leases in the area in red (Figure 6)



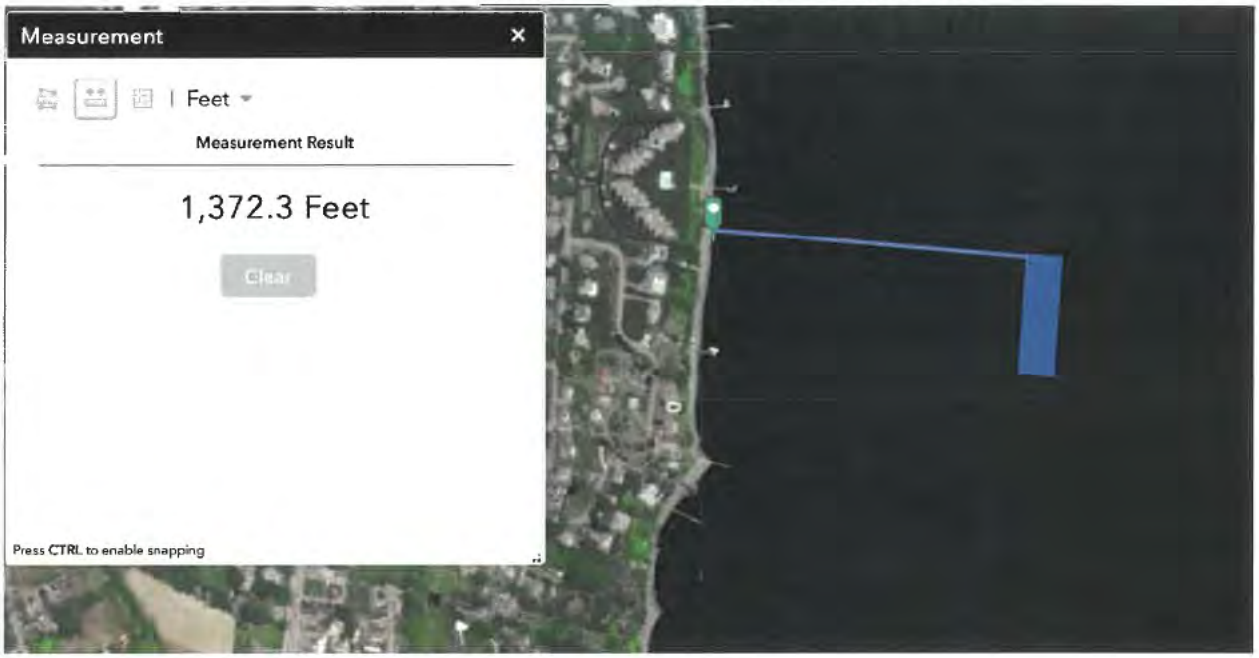
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Restricted Aquaculture Areas near Proposed Lease (blue)(Figure 7):

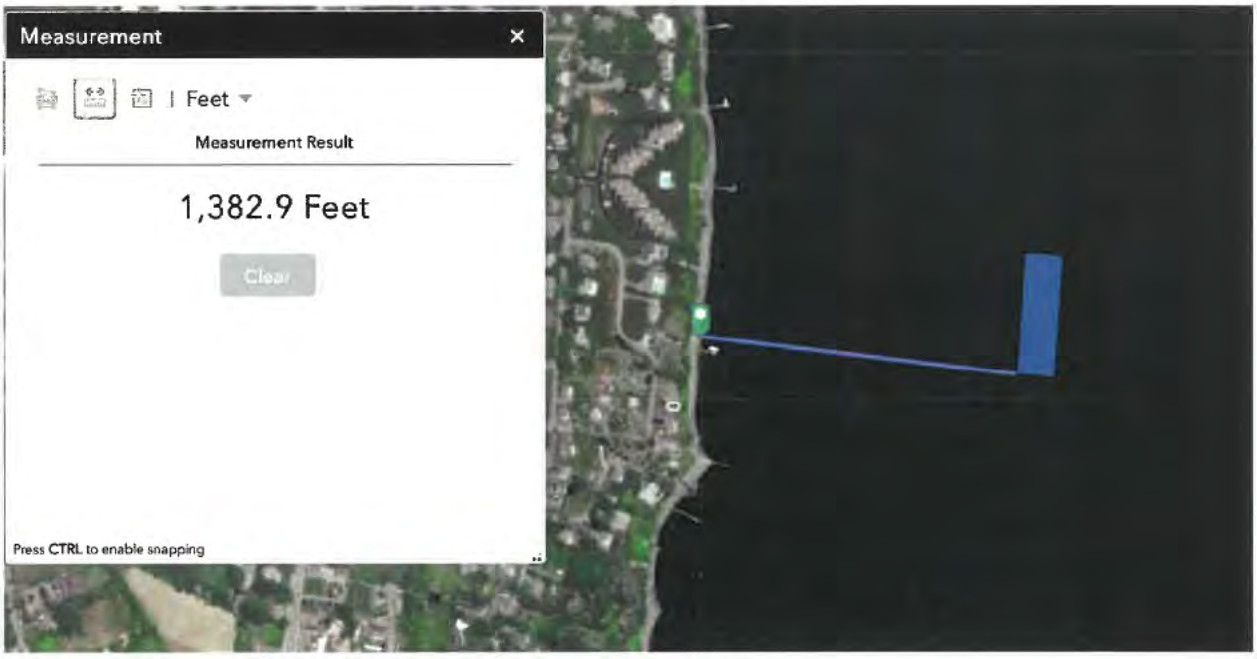


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Distance of Lease to Shore (Figures 8,9):



Distance to shore from the Northwest corner is 1,372 ft



Distance to shore from the Southwest corner is 1,382 ft.

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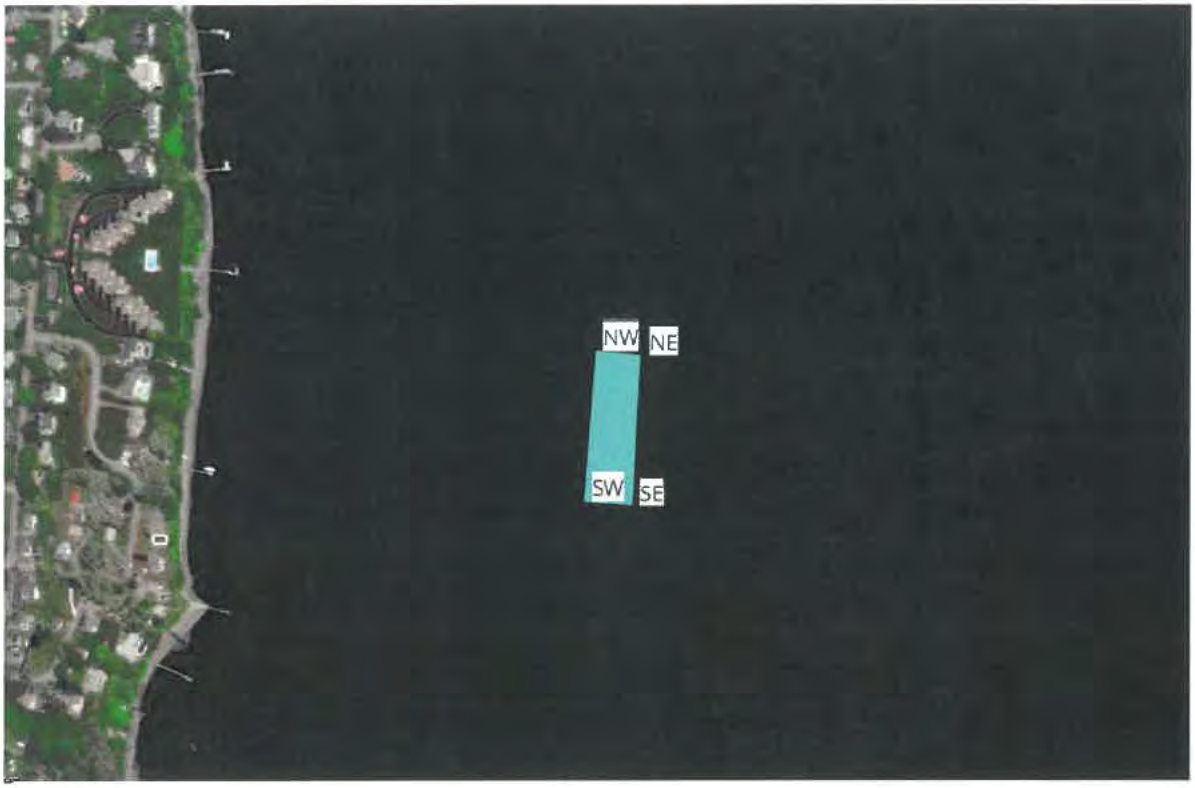
Land Parcels within 1,000 ft of the Proposed Lease (Figure 10)



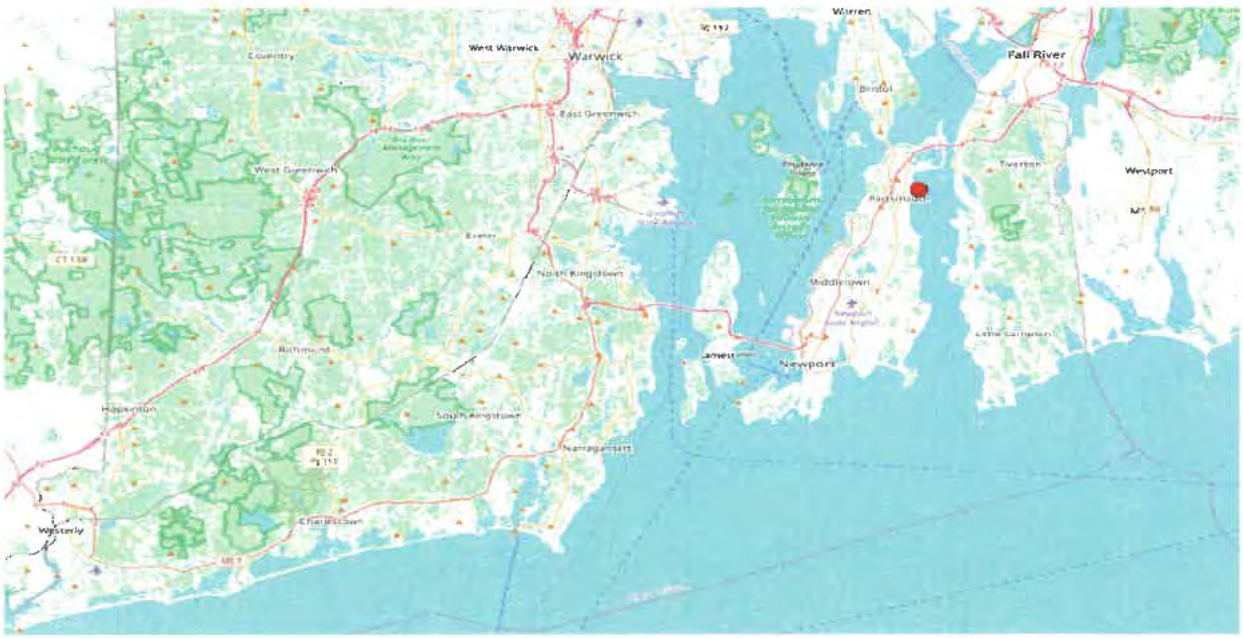
Summary: there are no land parcels within 1,000 ft of the proposed lease

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Overhead Image (Figure 11):



Statewide View (Figure 12):

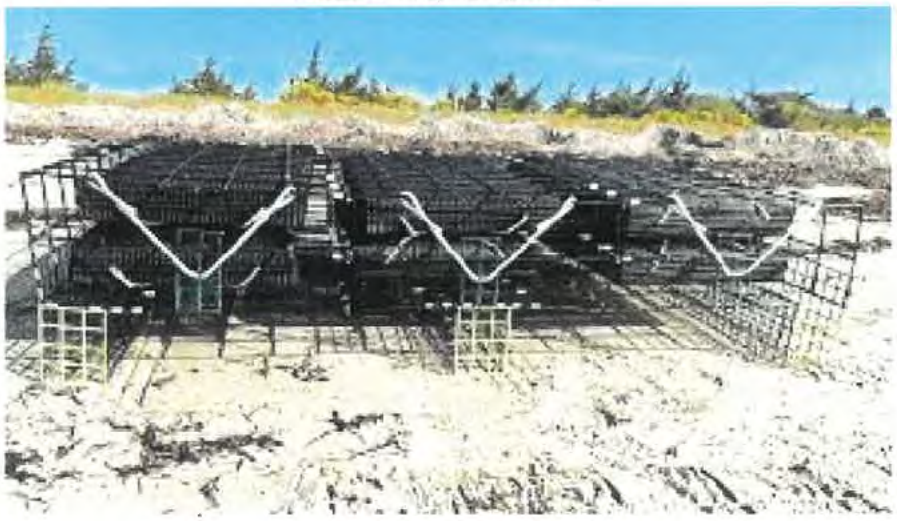


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Flip Farm (Figure 13)



Bottom Cage (Figure 14)



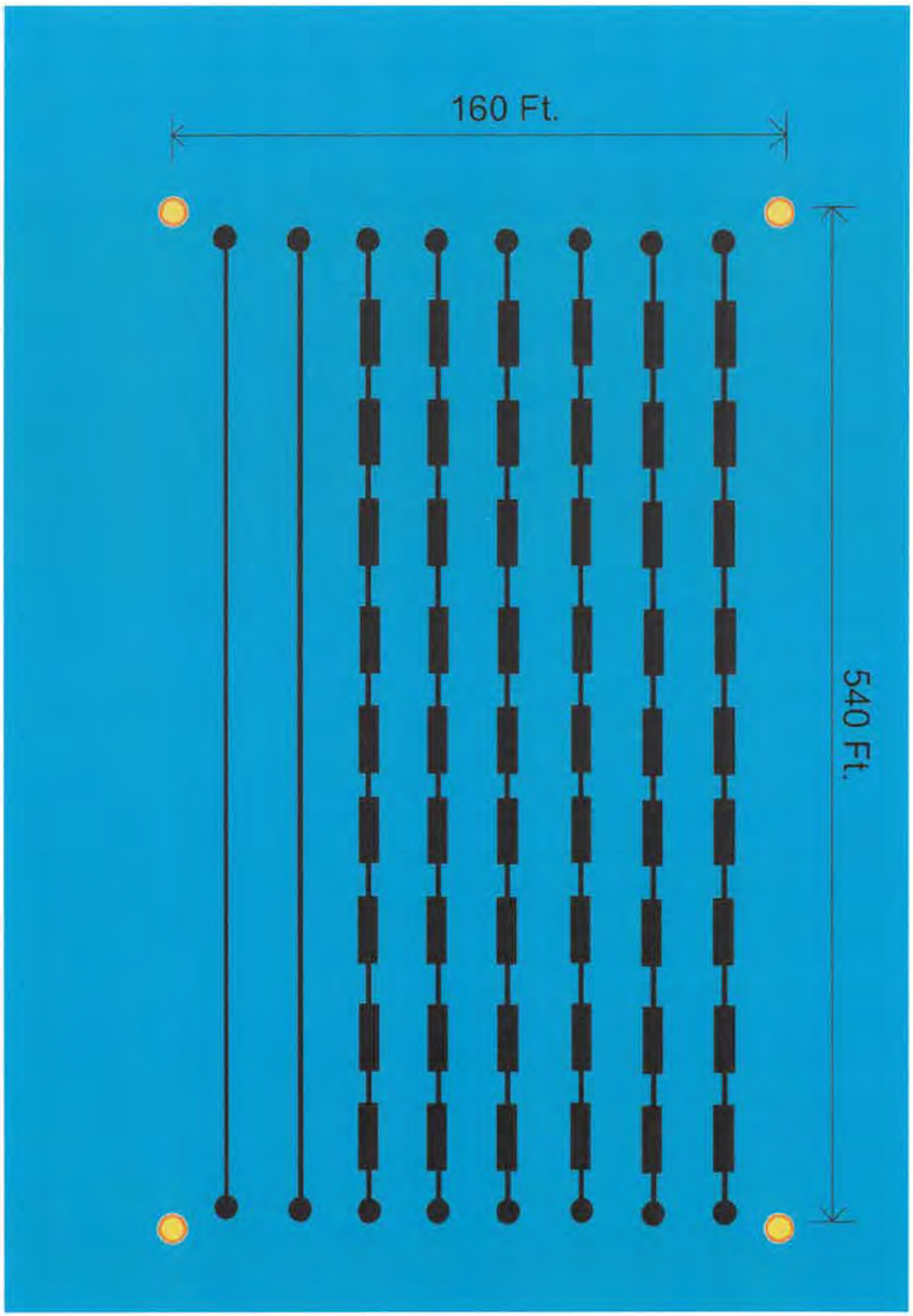
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Lantern Net (Figure 15)



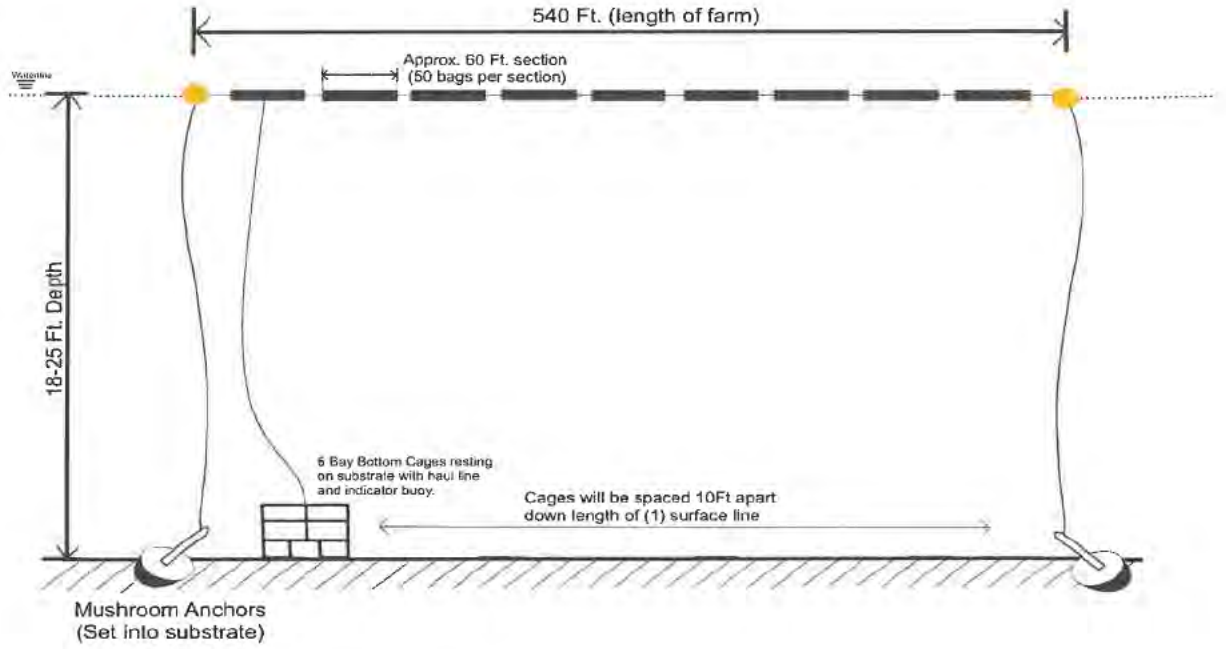
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Overhead view of Farm (Figure 16)

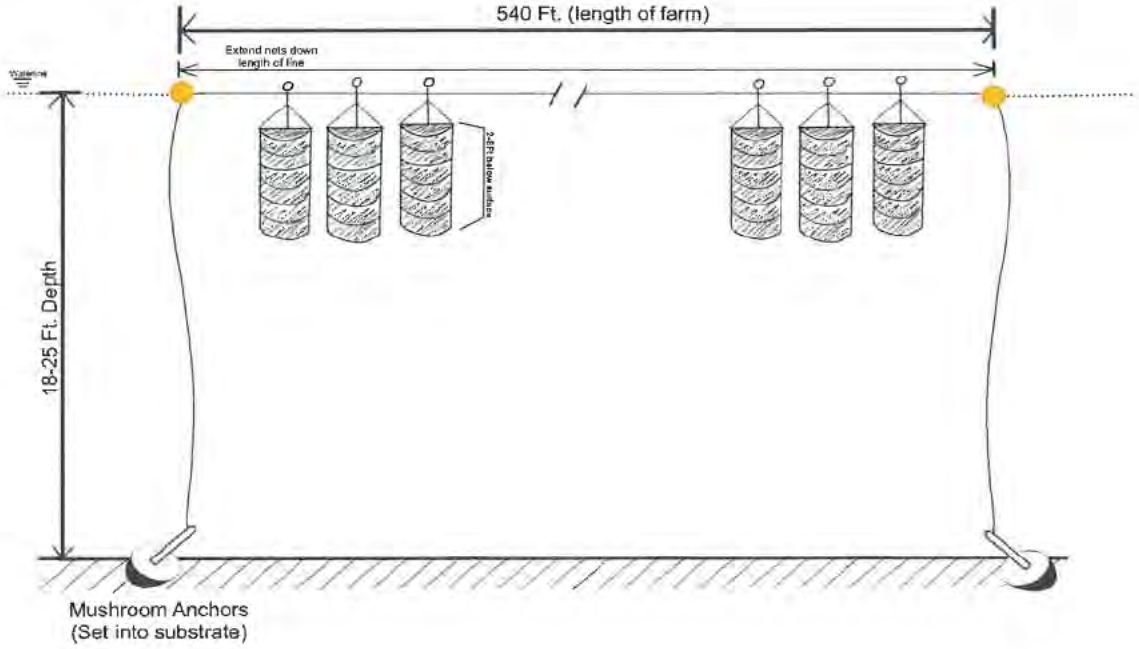


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Side View of Farm (Figure 17.18)



Side View of year round Flip Farm Line.



Side view of multi use Scallop (July-November)).

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Public Rights of Way (Figure 19)



Public Rights of Way locations in red compared to the proposed lease in blue

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Operations Plans

1. Name and mailing address of individual, firm, partnership, association, academic institution, municipality, or corporation who is principally responsible for the aquaculture operation or activity; if corporation, specify and include names of all owners/partners.

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[redacted]
Newport, RI 02840

2. CRMC file number for the facility; new applications will be assigned a file number by CRMC. Additionally, list any past CRMC file numbers related to the current application.

TBD

3. DEM Aquaculture License number (applicable if products are offered for sale); new applicants will need to obtain the DEM aquaculture license after an aquaculture assent is issued.

TBD

4. Type of facility (e.g., commercial lease site, upweller, experimental site, research, commercial viability) and nature of operation (i.e methodology used such as foating gear, submerged cages, bottom gear etc.).
Aquaculture site for commercial use. Will utilize floating bags, submerged lantern nets and submerged bottom cages.

5. Location of facility (include aerial or chart depicting exact location)
See included images and maps (figure 5-12)

a. Adjacent town:
Portsmouth, RI

b. Water body:
Narragansett Bay, Sakonnet River

c. Lat/long coordinates and size of facility:
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NorthEast Corner: 41° 36' 32.0796" N, 71° 14' 6.3456" W
SouthEast Corner: 41° 36' 26.8164" N, 71° 14' 6.7992" W
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2 Acres in total area.

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6. Identification of all species of shellfish grown at the facility. Acknowledgement that the applicant will follow Biosecurity Board seed protocols should be included.

Atlantic Oysters (Crassostrea virginica) and Bay Scallops (Argopecten irradians). A pathology report originating from the seller will be provided to the RI CRMC for every purchase involving transfer from outside biosecurity zones.

7. Description of types of structures, gear and methods used at the facility (e.g., rafts, pens, cages, tanks, upwellers, docks) and their locations on the site. Include a sketch/site plan that details a cross-section of structures as they appear in the water column including proximity to surface and bottom with a depth profle at mean low water and mean high water. Include maximum number of cages proposed and the size of the cages proposed.

Site plans can be viewed in (figures 17/18)

The mean low water is 9ft and mean high is 15 feet of depth. The maximum number of flip farm bags will be 2700. Each line will consist of 9 sections of 50 bags for a total of 450 per line. The maximum number of Scallop lantern nets will be 120 with 60 nets being distributed to each of the 2 remaining lines. The maximum number of 6 bay Bottom Cages will be 50. Their dimensions are 4x4x3 ft.

8. Describe a plan for how the site will be built out, accessed, and maintained. Including the expected level of activity (seasonal, weekly, and/or daily).

Site plans are included and can be viewed in (Figures 17 and 18). The site will be accessed by boat, deployed via the Tiverton Boat ramp, or if a slip becomes available; at any one of the marinas situated in the Harbor South of the Sakonnet Bridge/Narragansett Bay area. The farm will be worked year round, monitored at least once a week for the duration of the winter months. May through October the site will be constantly monitored and worked, as that is the prime growing months as well as having the most favorable weather. The gear used will be Hexyl FlipFarm 5mm bags for initial planting, Hexyl 10mm variation for final growout and a variation of the pillow case bags for Market Storage. These bag types are a low-profile floating gear, meaning they sit on the surface with about 10% of each unit above the water and the remaining 90% below the water keeping the oysters submerged. Lantern nets consisting of 5-11 levels ranging from 4-8ft in length will be totally submerged at all times. Bottom cages along with their bag inserts will be fully submerged at all times and be marked with a low profile buoy.

9. Description of the methods and equipment used to identify and mark site.

The boundaries of the lease will be denoted by 4 yellow mooring buoys. The corner buoys will be anchored by a 150 pound mushroom anchor, to ensure they are not affected by current and maintain an accurate boundary of the proposed Lease area. At the Northern and Southern ends of each bag line will be a (Yellow) mooring buoy, to mark the extent of their reach. Buoys will contain solar powered lights (for night time identification) as well as a high flying reflector for increased visibility.

10. DEM Shellfish Harvesting Classification at site.

The proposed Aquaculture Lease area is Located in Approved waters GA4..

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11. Description of practices and procedures used during the growth, harvest, storage, transportation, and sale of the cultured species. Including any offsite activities necessary for the operation.

All oysters purchased outside of the specific biosecurity zone the proposed Lease is located in will only be transplanted following a pathology report. Seed oysters will be obtained through approved hatcheries (i.e. Muscongus, Oyster Seed Holdings, Cherrystone Aquafarms, Rhode Island Seed Holdings etc..). Submarket seed will be acquired from Local farmers selling their unneeded stock as it becomes available, and will only be procured after a pathology report is provided. Oyster growout will occur entirely on the farm (in flipfarm bags) and be monitored in various spreadsheets. A transactional history of seed/submarket oysters sale and/or purchase will be maintained. All shellfish destined for sale will be properly handled and iced according to the Rhode Island DEM/DOH guidelines. Industrial sized fish coolers along with ice from approved vendors will be used to adhere to state guidelines surrounding shellfish temperature prior to sale.

12. For operations that will use foating gear:

a. Description of the mitigation or deterrent measures that will be used to minimize the potential pollution impact of birds and/or mammals.

A combination of the low profile Flip Farm, the use of totally submerged lantern nets and bottom cages will limit the total area for birds to land/access. The tag ends from zip ties added to the bags will be left in place as "ticklers" to deter birds from landing/roosting on the floating bags The applicant will work with state institutions such as URI/RWU in order to understand and better implement bird deterrents.

b. Description of a plan for re-submergence after air drying before harvest.

All oysters that are removed from the water for husbandry and/or biofouling control will be resubmerged for at least 7 days upon their reentry into the water before being available to be harvested and sold. Oysters and their submergence time will be kept logged in a detailed diagram of the farm and updated daily.

13. Indicate the projected per unit area yield of harvestable product and the applicant's capability to carry out the proposed activities

A maximum total projected yield of this proposed Lease area will be 350,000 oysters, 50,000 Bay Scallops..

14. Description of a plan for safety and security of equipment, including appropriate marking of equipment and lease area. Incorporate a storm preparedness and response plan that accounts for the safety and security of all aquaculture equipment and any measures that will be taken in the event of a signifcant storm or other adverse weather conditions impacting the site.

Each line of flip farms will be split into sections of 50 minimizing losses in the case of a line break and figure eight knots will be used on both ends of a section enclosing the bags in the case of knot failure at each connection. If a bag breaks loose it will have a ziptie bearing the Farm

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Name and License #, as well as the name of the owner and contact information so it can be traced and returned back. Anchors holding the lines will be of adequate size(500+ lbs plus) to ensure any adverse weather or high winds will not affect its integrity.

15. Procedures for maintaining records: a. For operations using seed acquired from out-of-state: i. Description of notification, disease certification, and labeling/tagging procedures:

All out of state seed purchases will be done with the CRMC's foreknowledge and be completed only after the required pathology report is done and presented to the Lease owner. Receipts will be kept along with the date of purchase, location of origin of the seed as well as the location of transplant, pathology report, approximate size, quantity purchased and spawn date.

16. Procedures for maintaining records: a. For upwellers/seed-growing facilities in prohibited waters: i. Description of procedures, including frequency of grading (with particular reference to requirements that seed must be removed before it exceeds maximum "seed" size threshold, i.e., <32 mm for oysters, <20 mm for quahogs):

Seed oysters will be obtained from a hatchery with a proper pathology report. They will immediately be put into an upweller beginning in early May. Thereafter every two - three weeks they will be graded by size and the largest of which being over 8mm will be moved to 5mm FlipFarm bags at the main farm. The seed oysters started in an upweller will be segregated upon being planted in FlipFarm bags for 6 months and segregated from the already present stock. The spreadsheets/documents being used to maintain a snapshot/record of the farm will be used to ensure the seed remains separated from the main stock.

For seed purchased that is large enough to be immediately transferred to growout a pathology report will be obtained and the movement will be approved beforehand by the CRMC/DEM.

17. Procedures for maintaining records:

a. For operations using seed from prohibited waters, or operations using shellfish obtained from a third party that originated as seed from prohibited waters:

i. Detailed description of demarcation methods and record-keeping practices used at the lease site to ensure that animals have been cultured at least six (6) months in approved waters, prior to sale, including:

1. Detailed record-keeping practices specifying date, source, average size, and amount of seed; and

2. Protocols and associated record keeping for tracking product, e.g., use of tagged/numbered cages and/or bags, use of marked trawls, and/or use of marked, segregated portions of lease sites.

A detailed and daily updated spreadsheet will be used to color code/locate and track all crops located on the farm. A breakdown by spawn location, date of transplant, and size/grade will be indicated by use of different colors. Location within the farm will be identified based on its location in the spreadsheet when it is input. The lines 6 flip farm and 2 Scallop lines will be identified utilizing a spreadsheet designed to portray the farm and its contents. Furthermore the sectioning of the 6 flip farm lines into 9 sections of 50 bags each will ensure more detailed and

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informed records. All seed movements and cohorts will be monitored and tracked to ensure the proper steps have been taken and the allotted time (6 months) in approved waters has been spent in order for them to be considered safe for sale.

b. Description of the process for notifying the third party that (a) seed came from prohibited waters, (b) the date of that transfer, and (c) the remaining time needed to maintain the animals in approved waters prior to sale

All transfers of seed will be done with the acquisition of a pathology report, a receipt of sale will be provided and extensive records using a spreadsheet portraying the lines/sections and individual bags. The date of transfer/transplanting which will be included on their respective records ensures that tracking them until their required amount of time spent in approved waters is met.

Category B Requirements:

(1) demonstrate the need for the proposed activity or alteration;

The demand for fresh, local and sustainably grown Oysters and Bay Scallops continues to rapidly increase. Rhode Island continues to produce more cultured shellfish products to a continuingly expanding and growing market. Aquaculture has proven to be very beneficial for the local marine environments as well as the local working economy.

(2) demonstrate that all applicable local zoning ordinances, building codes, flood hazard standards, and all safety codes, fire codes, and environmental requirements have or will be met; local approvals are required for activities as specifically prescribed for nontidal portions of a project in Sections 1.3.1(B), 1.3.1(C), 1.3.1(F), 1.3.1(H), 1.3.1(I), 1.3.1(K), 1.3.1(M), 1.3.1(O) and 1.3.1(Q); for projects on state land, the state building official, for the purposes of this section, is the building official.

Licenses that are required will be issued by the CRMC upon the approval of application formation of the Lease. Compliance of the rules and regulations will be maintained by the recipient of the approved Lease and Licenses upon reception.

(3) describe the boundaries of the coastal waters and land areas that are anticipated to be affected;

The proposed Lease is not in any direct conflict with navigational waterways, active moorings or mooring fields or any recreational or commercial fisheries. The Lease is located in Coastal Rhode Island waters and will not affect any land areas ~1300ft from the Portsmouth Coastline.

(4) demonstrate that the alteration or activity will not result in significant impacts on erosion and/or deposition processes along the shore and in tidal waters;

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The proposed Lease area is ~1300ft offshore it will have no impact on shoreline erosion. The mushroom anchors being used have not been known/reported to cause erosion of sediment and are widely used throughout the area. Mushroom anchors are widely used throughout the state.

(5) demonstrate that the alteration or activity will not result in significant impacts on the abundance and diversity of plant and animal life;

The proposal area is not within any defined boundaries of known or current eelgrass beds. Aquaculture has a tendency to benefit coastal ecosystems by providing structure and habitat for all manner of sea life.

(6) demonstrate that the alteration will not unreasonably interfere with, impair, or significantly impact existing public access to, or use of, tidal waters and/or the shore;

The location of the proposed lease does not interfere with any public access. As there are none in the immediate area. The site location was chosen to give clear access to the coastline to the East as well as remaining clear of navigational waters to the West.

(7) demonstrate that the alteration will not result in significant impacts to water circulation, flushing, turbidity, and sedimentation;

The floating gear that will be used will have no impact on water circulation, flushing, turbidity, or sedimentation as it does not interact with the substrate. The anchors will be fixed and therefore once laid will not interfere with the substrate when in use.

(8) demonstrate that there will be no significant deterioration in the quality of the water in the immediate vicinity as defined by DEM;

Oysters are known to improve water quality through filter feeding and sequestration of nitrogen. Anchors/bags provide structure which fish and other aquatic organisms tend to thrive off of.

(9) demonstrate that the alteration or activity will not result in significant impacts to areas of historic and archaeological significance;

There are no known archaeological sites/ historic areas within the lease.

(10) demonstrate that the alteration or activity will not result in significant conflicts with water-dependent uses and activities such as recreational boating, fishing, swimming, navigation, and commerce, and;

The proposed lease area is located off rocky coastlines/high bluff. It does not interfere with any navigation channels, mooring fields and is not located in a highly trafficked area of the Narragansett Bay.

(11) demonstrate that measures have been taken to minimize any adverse scenic impact (see Section 1.3.5).

The gear type that is being proposed in this lease is considered low-profile; meaning it sits low in the water and is not as visible as some other gear types, mainly Oyster Grows. Marking buoys

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(except for the lease identification buoys) will be either black/white as opposed to multicolored so as to not impact scenic viewing. Scallop lantern nets will be totally submerged indicated by a small white buoy.

Additional Category B Requirements

1. Describe the location and size of the area proposed.

The proposal area is 2 acres in size, located approximately 1300ft East of the Portsmouth Shoreline in the Northern Sakonnet River area of the Narragansett Bay.

2. Identify the species to be managed or cultivated within the permitted area and over which the applicant shall have exclusive right.

Atlantic Oysters (Crassostrea virginica) and Bay Scallops (Argopecten irradians).

3. Describe the method or manner of management or cultivation to be utilized, including whether
the activities proposed are experimental, commercial, or for personal use.

All shellfish produced/harvested on this lease will be for commercial use.

4. Provide such other information as may be necessary for the Council to determine.
a. The compatibility of the proposal with other existing and potential uses of the area and areas contiguous to it, including navigation, recreation, and fsheries. (In addition, please provide the following necessary information as required in the 1000' Contiguous Area Map:

o list of all property owners within 1000':
No properties within 1,000 ft

o list of all approved aquaculture leases within 1000':
There are no existing aquaculture leases within 1000ft of the proposed site.

o List of CRMC designated ROW(s) within 1000':
N/A

o CRMC water use types within 1000':
Type 2 Low intensity use

o Any shoreline(s) within 1000' which have been preserved for conservation, recreation and/or public access through easements, purchased by the state or municipality, or are owned by a land trust or state-recognized conservation organization.)
N/A

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b. The degree of exclusivity required for aquacultural activities on the proposed site. (In support of this requirement and in accordance with 1.3.1(K)(b), the applicant must include a plan demonstrating reasonable public ingress and egress to and from the proposed site for traditional water activities such as boating, swimming, and fishing. The ingress/egress plan may be notated on a copy of the site plan or other map.)

The location of the proposed Lease area away from any public accesses and its situation in type 2 low intensity use as well as its location 1300ft from shore ensures no interference with any traditional water activities.

c. The safety and security of equipment, including appropriate marking of the equipment and/or lease area.

Flip Farm gear is secured by the Mushroom anchors ensuring the bags do not move to areas outside of the proposed marked lease area.

d. The projected per unit area yield of harvestable product.

The projected yield is 350,000 oysters, 50,000 Bay Scallops per annum.

e. The cumulative impact of a particular aquaculture proposal in an area, in addition to other aquaculture operations already in place. (At minimum, applicants should consider the impact of any other aquaculture operation within 1000' of the proposed site.)

The proposed site is in type 2 Low intensity use waters. GIS data indicates extremely low boater traffic. There are no aquaculture leases within 1000ft ensuring there will be no conflict with existing aquaculture.

f. The capability of the applicant to carry out the proposed activities.

The applicant has worked in Aquaculture in Rhode Island since September 2020 and been the Farm Manager since 2022. The main gear type being utilized for the past 4 years being Flip Farm for oysters and Lantern nets for Bay Scallops. The applicant has volunteered and worked at various farms in New England in order to understand and learn growout methods.

g. The impact of the proposed activities on the scenic qualities of the area.

The use of low profile FlipFarm gear and suspended lantern nets will ensure minimal visual impact as far as production gear is concerned. Corner buoy markers/anchor markers will be visible only as an aid to navigation and to ensure safety to anyone operating a vessel for any purpose in the vicinity of the operation.

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Describe all activities related to the action that may affect ESA-listed species/designated critical habitat and provide sufficient detail to allow for identification of consequences to individuals of all species that may be affected (including direct consequences and those that may occur indirectly (e.g. effects to habitat or prey)). This detailed description should include activity levels, frequency, duration, location, and intensity and should refect the best available information on the activities and how the activities are likely to be carried out.

a. List all expected federal (e.g., USACE EPA, USCG) and state permits required for the action.
Rhode Island state aquaculture lease.

b. Anticipated start date, duration of project, seasonality (if any), end date
The farm will be worked 5 days a week from the Spring-Fall (May-Oct) and 2-3 days during the winter months (Nov-Apr). Anticipated start date is contingent on approval and issuance of lease, work will begin immediately upon approval.

c. If seasonal, describe whether gear remains deployed in the off-season, is partially removed, or is removed completely. Describe the reasons the activities are planned as seasonal. For example, are there growing season restrictions or an initial phase with plans to move toward full year activity at a later time, etc.
The anchors/lines/gear/oysters will remain in the water year round. Scallop Lantern bags will be seasonal (mid summer to late fall).

d. Description of the natural and anthropogenic characteristics (oceanographic environment, habitat features, shipping lanes, fishing grounds, etc.) of the action area.
The proposed Lease will be Located in the Northern Sakonnet River approximately 1300ft East of the Eastern shoreline. It is not located in any navigational waterway, shipping lanes or heavily trafficked areas.

i. Include relevant seasonal, geographic, etc. information for each characteristic.
Activity and work on the farm will be more prevalent in the warmer months and less so in the colder months.

ii. Include information about currents, depths, tidal infuence, etc.
The farm's depth ranges from 9-15ft. The tide in the Narragansett Bay is semi-diurnal, the farm is accessible at both high and low tides. The situation of the lines perpendicular to the shore allows for the current to flow with the lines and avoid unnecessary pressure on the gear. This will alleviate risk in the rare but possible event of winter ice floes.

e. Describe any geophysical and geotechnical surveys that may occur prior to construction (e.g., siteselection) and continuing through all operations. Provide information on equipment to be used, soundsource levels, distances to isopleths of interest, etc. (if applicable, see noise section below).
N/A

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f. Describe species to be grown/raised. Indicate the source of the gametes, fsh or seedstock (e.g., North American Atlantic salmon, American oysters, European oysters,) and any certifcation of origin and disease status. Describe species size, dimensions, weight when harvested. If species are clustered together, such as a mussel drop line, describe estimated dimensions and weight of individuals and of the overall cluster.
Eastern Oysters (Crassostrea Virginica) and Bay Scallops (Argopecten irradian) will be sourced from hatcheries along the Eastern Seaboard. All pathology reports, ploidity, and origin will be given to the proposed Lease owner by the Hatchery and kept as records. The oysters will be between 3-4 inches in size when sold weighing approximately 1-2 ounces and sold as individuals. Bay scallops will reach 2.5-3.5 inches in size and be sold as whole animals weighing approximately 1 ounce.

g. Describe the location and size of project area, and portion of area in which gear will be deployed
The proposal site will be situated 1300ft off the eastern shore of Portsmouth in the Northern Sakonnet River. The proposed lease will be 2 acres consisting of 6 Horizontal lines of 1 inch superpro triple braided floating line. Flip Farm bags will be loaded onto these horizontal lines and they will be connected to buoy lines at the Southern/Northern ends with anchors attached to ensure they remain in place. The same will be done for the additional 2 horizontal lines however Lantern Nets with Bay Scallops will be attached intermittently instead. The entire 2 acres of approved waters will be used.

h. Describe the gear design. Gear descriptions should be detailed, include figures/photos/engineering diagrams wherever possible, and include.
i. Type of gear deployed
Flip farm, Lantern Nets, Bottom Cages, long lines. (figures 13, 14,15)

ii. Number of vertical/horizontal lines (rope length, diameter, material, breaking strength), including any marker buoys
16 vertical lines (8 north/8 South) will be deployed using 1 inch Superpro triple braid floating line.

iii. Buoyancy compensation to maintain structure and flotation.
Each flip farm bag has its own 25L float attached. Each buoy line marking an anchor as well as the beginning of a line will be outfitted with a mooring buoy to ensure flotation.

iv. Anchoring systems, including foundations type.
Mushroom anchors.

v. Any anti-predator gear that may be used
N/A

vi. Any deterrents that may be used
N/A

vii. Gear spacing/distance between gear components/zone of passage
Lines will be placed in intervals of 20 ft to allow for passage between.

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i. Describe the process used to install the gear.
Anchors are situated in the substrate with a buoy line attached, plastic cod end rings will be tied to the ends of these lines and a through line will be tied at the Southern buoy line as bags are placed on the Northern end. Once the desired number of bags are placed (50 to a section of line) it will be tied to another ring and the process will repeat until it has extended to the corresponding anchor to the North.

i. If rip-rap or other material such as oyster shells are being placed on shoreline or bottom, provide a description of type of material and how it will be placed (e.g., small rocks by hand, dredge, etc.)
N/A

ii. Large vessels and equipment needed to set anchors etc. (include potential size and estimated max number of vessels).
A maximum of 1 vessel will be used to transport to and from the farm as well as being used on the lease. Its approximate size will be 30 ft x 8 ft.

j. Describe the harvesting systems to be used
A small vessel will be equipped with Hydraulic winches to haul bags up and allow for workers to dump into totes.

k. Describe the gear maintenance plan
All gear will be monitored continuously as we are working. Any defective gear will be removed until it is repaired. Any gear not in use will be removed until there is a further need for it.

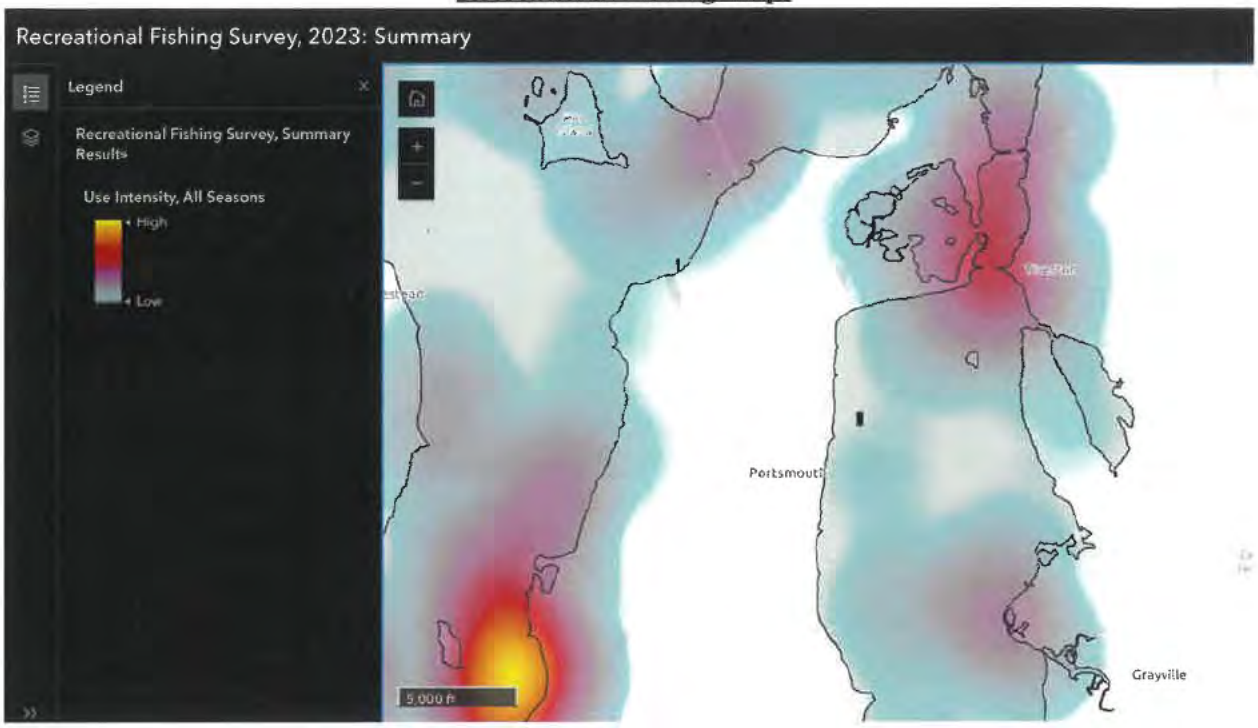
l. Describe how the gear will be removed after the permit is expired or the permitted activity otherwise ceases (i.e., decommissioning plan).
In the event of farm operations ending, oysters, bags, anchors and line will be removed from the water at proposed Lease Owners expense and disposed of properly.

m. Identify all proposed conservation measures (e.g., best management practices, measures to reduce entanglement) and permit conditions for avoidance or minimization of effects that are to be considered part of the proposed action, including specifc information about when and how these would apply andthe anticipated reduction in take (e.g., capture, vessel strike) or severity of take. This should include any proposed monitoring or reporting measures.

The proposed farm will be monitored daily during the work week. The marker buoys at the corners of the lease will allow all boaters, fisherman, swimmers and anyone utilizing the water to clearly see the boundaries of the farm. All gear/anchors will be kept inside these dimensions to ensure no possible interference with other vessels. The buoys at the extremes of each horizontal line will serve as further indication that the farm is there and to highlight areas to be cautious of and to avoid.

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Recreational Fishing Map:



Proposed Lease Location in black

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