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Regulatory Division
File Number: NAE-2020-00357
RI CRMC Application Number: 2025-06-048

Rocky Rhode Oyster Co., LLC.
c/o Bradley Boehringer
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Dear Mr. Boehringer:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has reviewed your application for the installation of aids to navigation, lines, buoys, and anchors associated with a 3.5-acre expansion of an existing year-round eastern oyster (*Crassostrea virginica*) and bay scallop (*Argopecten irradians*) cultivation utilizing the same footprint in Dutch Harbor, Jamestown, Rhode Island. This project is shown on the enclosed figures on six sheets dated February 13, 2025.

Based on the information you have provided, we verify the Pre-Construction Notification (PCN) activity is authorized under the May 6, 2022 General Permit 20 of the federal permits known as the Rhode Island General Permits (GPs). The GPs are available at: <https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/State-General-Permits/Rhode-Island-General-Permit>

Please review the enclosed GPs carefully, in particular the general conditions beginning on page 43, and ensure that you and all personnel performing work authorized by the GPs are fully aware of and comply with its terms and conditions.

You must also perform this work in compliance with the following special conditions to provide additional measures for added protection of aquatic resources and/or habitat:

1. The permittee shall ensure that a copy of the project authorization is present on the vessel that attends the work site (and the project office), and that all appropriate personnel performing work at the site are fully aware of its terms and conditions (General Condition 14).
2. All gear, including buoys and lines shall be marked and maintained with the file number "NAE-2020-00357," as well as the permittee's name and contact information.

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Markings shall stand up to the elements over time and allow for gear recovery and identification.

3. The applicant will maintain all project equipment, including vertical mooring lines, to ensure that constant tension is kept on the line at all tides. This requirement for counterweight on the vertical lines is intended to minimize the likelihood that the lines will entangle as they will hang straight down and will be less likely to wrap around appendages of endangered marine species.

4. All year, the gear site shall be visited by an attendant surface vessel at least once weekly, site conditions permitting. Any noticeable difference in surface buoy or line tension such as any gaps in the horizontal line or movement of vertical lines will prompt an investigation into the tension of that line. If a problem is identified, it will be corrected that day. This condition has been included to ensure that if an entanglement or other issue related to the stability of the system arises, that it will be expeditiously addressed by the permittee.

5. Each sighting of any federally listed threatened or endangered species shall be recorded and the following information shall be provided:

- a. Date, time, coordinates of vessel
- b. Visibility, weather, sea state
- c. Vector of sighting (distance, bearing)
- d. Duration of sighting
- e. Species and number of animals
- f. Observed behaviors (feeding, diving, breaching, etc.)
- g. Description of interaction with aquaculture facility

6. If any listed species is observed to be entangled or otherwise interacting with the facility structure, the permittee (or onboard staff) shall immediately contact NOAA Stranding Hotline at (866) 755-NOAA (6622) and email nmfs.gar.incidental-take@noaa.gov. The permittee should also contact the NOAA Fisheries Protected Resources Division, Gloucester, MA at (978) 281-9328. This condition is included to ensure that the proper authorities will be consulted in case of gear interaction with protected resources.



Performing work within our jurisdiction that is not specifically authorized by this determination or failing to comply with the special condition(s) provided above and all the terms and conditions of the GPs may subject you to the enforcement provisions of our regulations. This authorization does not obviate the need to obtain other federal, state, or local authorizations required by law. Applicants are responsible for applying for and obtaining any other approvals.

We continually strive to improve our customer service. For us to better serve you, we would appreciate your completing our Customer Service Survey at:
<https://regulatory.ops.usace.army.mil/customer-service-survey/>

Please contact Elizabeth Waterhouse, of my staff, at (978) 318-8943 or elizabeth.c.waterhouse@usace.army.mil if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Andrew Shuckhart
Chief, CT/RI Branch
Regulatory Division

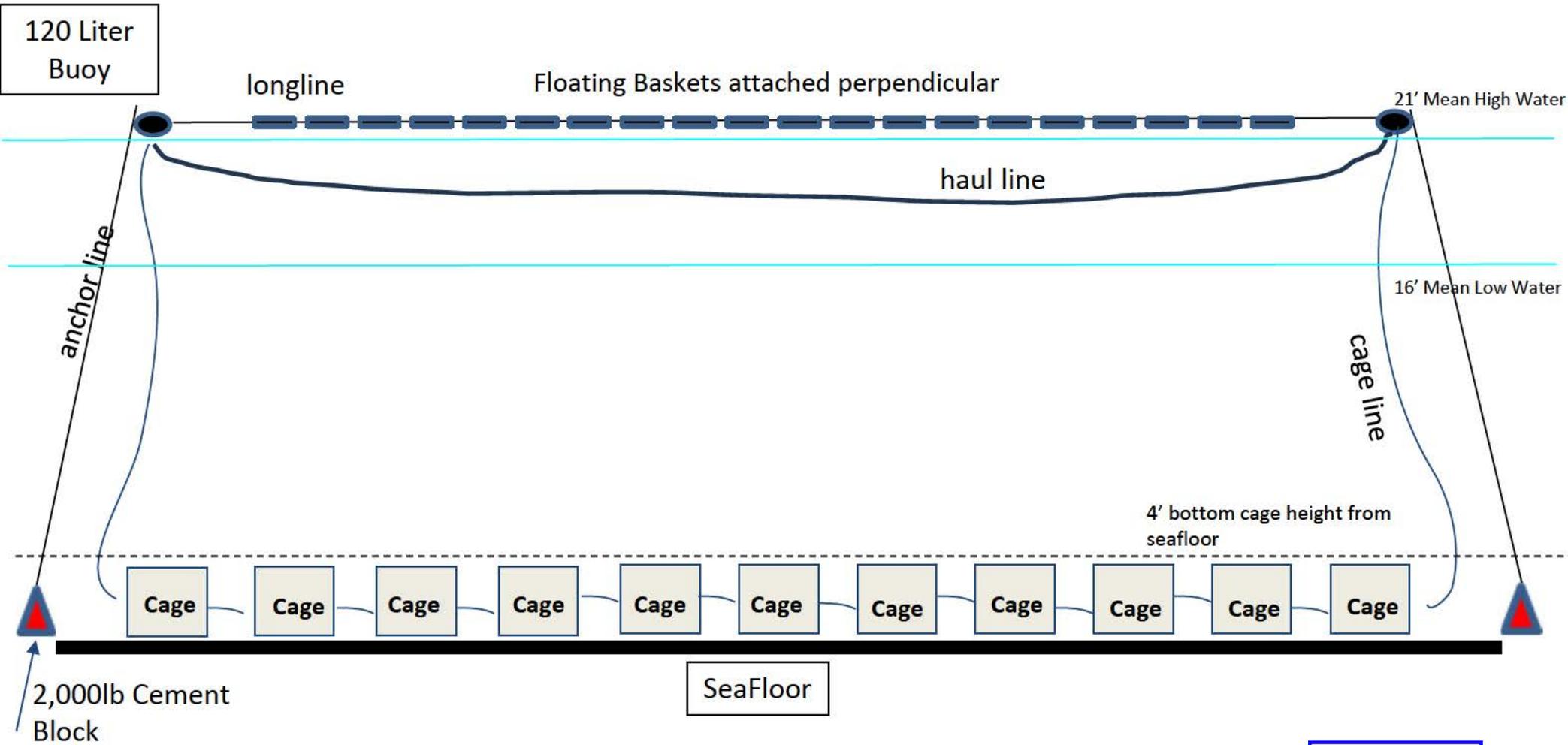
Enclosure

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Cross Section View
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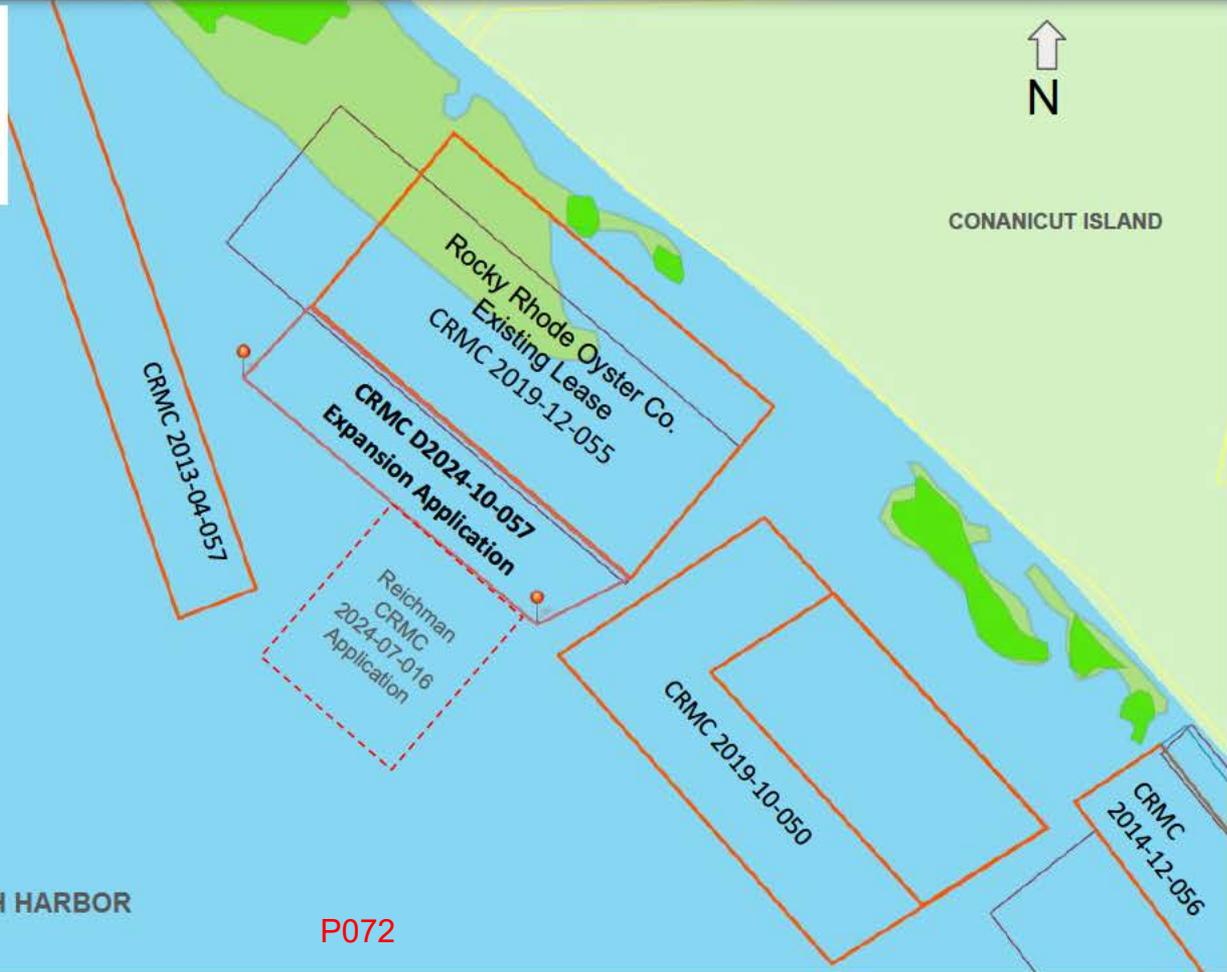
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AREA OVERVIEW
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DUTCH HARBOR

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300ft



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COORDINATES

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CONANICUT ISLAND



NE: 41 30.7234"N;
71 23.4194"W

NW: 41 30.706"N;
71 23.452"W

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Existing Lease
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SW: 41 30.623"N;
71 23.330"W

SE: 41 30.6383 "N; 71
23.2856"W

DUTCH HARBOR

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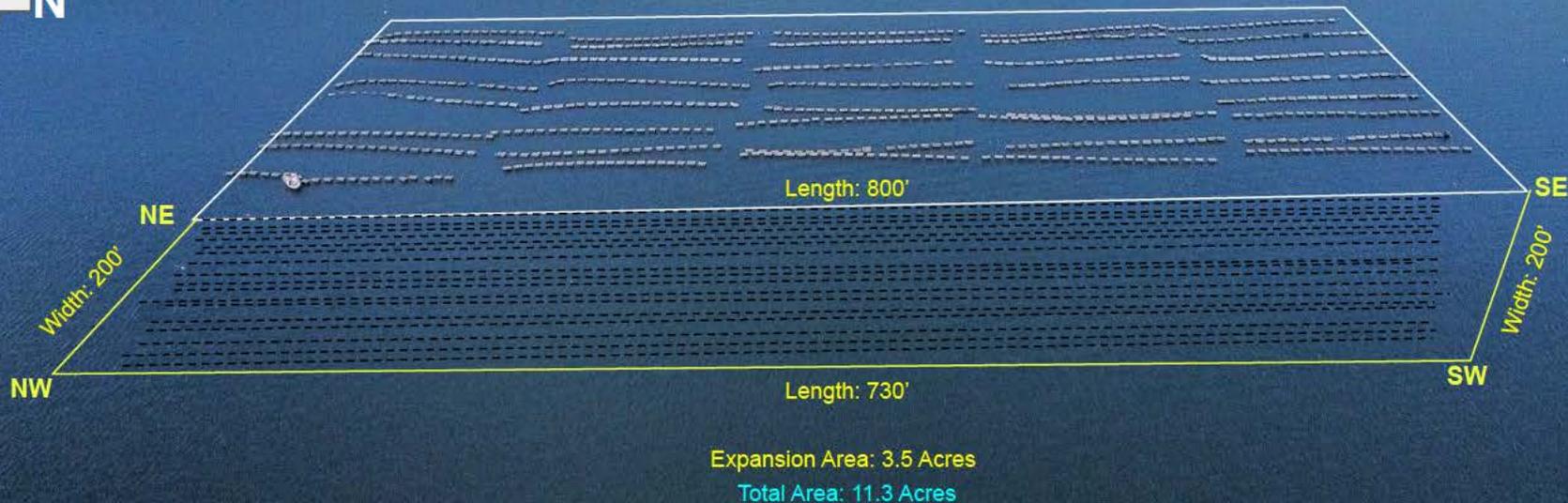
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GEAR OVERHEAD
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Conanicut
Island



Existing Lease: 7.8 Acres



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Dutch Harbor

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 DUTCH HARBOR NAVIGATION
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**DISTANCES (ft.)
 FROM CRMC
 LEASES:**

- A: 95
- B: 50
- C: 900
- D: 930
- E: 1,900

