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Suffolk County Shellfish Aquaculture Lease Program in Peconic Bay and Gardiners Bay

PUBLIC NOTICE

REQUEST FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS ON PROPOSED SHELLFISH AQUACULTURE LEASE SITES

Notice is hereby given that the Suffolk County Department of Planning has received 13 applications for Shellfish Aquaculture Leases in Peconic Bay pursuant to Local Law 25-2009, *A Local Law Establishing the Suffolk County Shellfish Aquaculture Lease Program in Peconic Bay and Gardiners Bay* (Chapter 475, Article II of the Suffolk County Code). These applications were solicited under the 2012 Lease Application Cycle from new shellfish farmers who are interested in starting a shellfish aquaculture business. Each applicant was asked to select up to three preferred lease site locations in priority order. Thirty-six lease sites were identified in the 13 lease applications that were received during the application period for this cycle. All proposed sites are all located within the adopted Shellfish Cultivation Zone.

Due to the annual acreage cap limitation, only six 10-acre leases could potentially be leased under this Application Cycle (total of 60 acres). Pertinent data and information on each of the 13 applications received, numbered SCALP-12-01-01 to SCALP-12-01-13, including the location (center point coordinates) of the lease sites, are contained in Attachment A to this Public Notice.

Suffolk County Shellfish Aquaculture Leases authorize access to public underwater lands for the controlled or partially controlled raising, breeding, growing, and containment of shellfish through on-bottom and/or off-bottom culture techniques for a term of 10 years. Pending the issuance of permits by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and other regulatory agencies, lessees would be allowed to deploy shellfish culture gear on their leases to facilitate shellfish grow-out activities.

LOCATION
H. LEE DENNISON BLDG. - 4TH FLOOR
100 VETERANS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY

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You may review the locations of the 36 lease sites that were submitted for consideration under the 2012 Lease Application Cycle by accessing the Aquaculture Lease Program Website and viewing the Interactive Aquaculture Lease Status Map. *Despite the fact that 13 lease applications were received, it is emphasized that only six 10-acre sites, could potentially be leased under this cycle.*

<http://suffolkcountyny.gov/Departments/Planning/Divisions/EnvironmentalPlanning/AquacultureLeaseProgram/PublicNotices.aspx>.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

All comments regarding the lease applications must be prepared in writing and mailed to the contact person listed below prior to the expiration date of this notice –May 4, 2012. Such comments should be targeted to a specific lease site(s) by referencing the applicable Lease Site Map ID #(s), as shown on Attachment A in this Public Notice. The comments should include supporting information and data to the maximum extent possible.

Those parties raising an objection to the leasing of a particular site or sites based on reasons of natural productivity and commercial fishery, should send a notarized letter, stating the particular reason(s) for the objection based on what was harvested and sold during the previous five years from the site(s) in question. Documentation supporting the claim should also be provided, including a copy of the parties' commercial harvest license, and documentation on harvests and sales, as applicable.

Contact: Susan Filipowich, Environmental Planner
Suffolk County Department of Planning
H. Lee Dennison Bldg. - 4th Floor
100 Veterans Memorial Highway
P.O. Box 6100
Hauppauge, NY 11788-0099

Should any questions arise on the content of this Public Notice, please contact Ms. Susan Filipowich of my staff at 631-853-4775.

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Suffolk County Department Planning

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Attachment A

**Sites Submitted Under the 2012 Lease Application Cycle for
Evaluation**

March 5, 2012

Data from 13 lease applications are summarized in this attachment table, which identifies name of lease applicant, application reference number, Lease Site Map identification number, latitude/longitude coordinates of the lease site center point, and acreage of lease site. All lease sites are 10-acre squares.

Sites Submitted for Evaluation Under the 2012 Lease Application Cycle

Applicant	Application Reference #	Lease Site Map ID #	Lease Site Center Point		Acreage
			Latitude	Longitude	
Thomas Helleberg	12-01-01	32	40.970038 N	72.532551 W	10
		5	40.928912 N	72.570881 W	
		35	40.972567 N	72.529910 W	
Sean M. Bennett	12-01-02	797	41.049010 N	72.311408 W	10
		834	41.034557 N	72.285301 W	
		800	41.046397 N	72.307929 W	
Anthony Pirro	12-01-03	29	40.967505 N	72.534820 W	10
		4	40.931474 N	72.570825 W	
		28	40.964962 N	72.536338 W	
Paul Pomerantz	12-01-04	794	41.097683 N	72.310764 W	10
		795	41.095113 N	72.310289 W	
		803	41.089900 N	72.304189 W	
East End Shell Fish LLC	12-01-05	21	40.949642 N	72.540540 W	10
		19	40.952223 N	72.541943 W	
		60	40.977522 N	72.516671 W	
Multi Aquaculture Systems, Inc.	12-01-06	848	41.007034 N	72.089828 W	10
		852	41.005851 N	72.086480 W	
		849	41.004473 N	72.089902 W	
Richard Stevens	12-01-07	*844	40.999090 N	72.096821 W	10
		843	41.001651 N	72.096748 W	
		842	41.004212 N	72.096674 W	
Susan Marie Alter	12-01-08	*841	40.998620 N	72.100217 W	10
		840	41.001181 N	72.100143 W	
		839	41.003742 N	72.100070 W	
Brent Becker	12-01-09	*847	41.000605 N	72.093395 W	10
		846	41.003166 N	72.093322 W	
		845	41.005727 N	72.093248 W	
Scott Lennox	12-01-10	400	40.992138 N	72.458858 W	10
		426	41.022648 N	72.441234 W	
		456	41.022511 N	72.431088 W	
Harry Braunstein	12-01-11	455	40.961084 N	72.435919 W	10
		528	40.958101 N	72.415711 W	
		405	40.917858 N	72.460581 W	
R. Wayde Bennett	12-01-12	693	41.021669 N	72.370212 W	10
		759	41.028920 N	72.339583 W	
		830	41.033303 N	72.288717 W	
Deborah Klughers	12-01-13	*841	40.998620 N	72.100217 W	10
		*844	40.999090 N	72.096821 W	
		*847	41.000605 N	72.093395 W	

* Site Selected by Multiple Applicants