

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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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 Site Relocation

Notice is hereby given that the Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning has received an application from a Cycle #1 Leaseholder, requesting to relocate from their existing two, (2.5-acre) shellfish aquaculture lease sites in Little Peconic Bay to one, 10-acre lease site. Pursuant to Local Law 25-2009, *A Local Law Establishing the Suffolk County Shellfish Aquaculture Lease Program in Peconic Bay and Gardiners Bay* (Article II of the Suffolk County Code, §475), leaseholders may request relocation of their leasehold interest for any reason up to two times during the term of the lease. As a former NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation Temporary Marine Area Use Assignment (TMAUA) holder who initially chose to remain at their two TMAUA sites, this applicant has the option to expand its operation to a single 10-acre lease site within the Shellfish Cultivation Zone. The leaseholder currently leases sites A-10 and A-11, each of which is 2.5 acres in size (total 5 acres). This lease acreage will not be taken from the 2016 Annual Acreage Cap.

All proposed lease sites are located within the adopted Shellfish Cultivation Zone and are available for lease. Pertinent data and information about the Lease Site Relocation Application, including the name of the leaseholder, SCALP reference #, and proposed lease sites are contained in the table below.

Leaseholder/Applicant	Application Reference #	Proposed Lease Site Map ID#	Lease Site Center Point		Proposed Acreage
			Latitude	Longitude	
William R. Blanchard Jr. DBA Peconic Bay Prime	10-01-02R	669	41.001321 N	72.380858 W	10
		679	40.996151 N	72.377603 W	
		769	41.018626 N	72.336458 W	

PUBLIC COMMENT:

This Public Notice and the locations of the proposed lease sites may be reviewed at the address listed below, or by accessing the Aquaculture Lease Program Website:

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

All comments regarding the lease site relocation application and proposed lease sites must be prepared in writing and mailed to the contact person listed below by close of business on June 17, 2016. Such comments should be targeted to a specific lease site(s) by referencing the applicable Lease Site Map ID #(s), as shown in this Public Notice. The comments should include supporting documentation 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. 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: Suffolk County Department of Economic Development & Planning
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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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