

Public Meeting on DEP review of proposed American Aquafarms net pen sites in Gouldsboro

The Department of Environmental Protection (Department) will conduct a Public Meeting on October 28, 2021 from 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM via Zoom (<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/6928501126?pwd=bIBEMDBIUTFKb3ZlbFNONFVEaTl0dz09> Meeting ID: 692 850 1126 Passcode: 4gWhZz or via CALL IN # 1-929-205-6099 Meeting ID: 692 850 1126 Passcode: 110856), pursuant to *Organization and Powers* M.R.S. 38 §345-A (5), 06-096 C.M.R. ch. 2, § 8 (2018). The purpose of the meeting is to provide an opportunity to comment on the applications filed with the Department by American Aquafarms of 68 Commercial St., Portland, Maine 04101, (207) 405-7451. The Department's review of and decision on these applications will also provide the basis for determination of the project's consistency with applicable enforceable polices of the Maine Coastal Program (MCP) pursuant to Section 307 of the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA).

The applications are for two net pen arrays for the rearing of Atlantic salmon. The net pen arrays are proposed to be located off of Long Porcupine and Bald Rock islands in Frenchman's Bay. Each net pen array is proposed to consist of 15 individual net pens along with a treatment and feeding barge. The combined primary-treated discharge from one array is proposed to be 2.05 billion gallons per day. The treated discharge from one array (treatment barge discharge) is proposed to be 0.18 million gallons per day.

The applications and other current project documentation are available for review at the Maine Department of Environmental Protection's website <https://www.maine.gov/dep/projects/americanaquafarms/index.html>. A copy of the applications and supporting documentation may also be seen at the municipal office in Gouldsboro, Maine. Information regarding the MCP and CZMA consistency review is available at: <https://www.maine.gov/dmr/mcp/index.htm>. Comments on this project may also be sent to Cindy.L.Dionne@maine.gov.