
Notice of Opportunity to Comment: 2026 Limited Purpose Aquaculture (LPA) License Renewal

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Limited Purpose Aquaculture (LPA) licenses are annual licenses that cannot exceed 400 sq ft in size and expire on December 31st each year, but the holder may apply for them to be renewed. The Department is providing an opportunity for stakeholders to comment on the renewal of existing LPA sites from November 15-November 30, 2025 (dates inclusive). Please carefully review the instructions below. Thank you for your feedback!

Step 1: Check which site(s) are eligible for renewal

- The link below will direct you to a sortable table of LPA sites that may be renewed in 2026. You can sort by town, waterbody, first or last name of the holder, etc.
- [Table of LPA Sites](#)

Step 2: Review the LPA renewal criteria

- The LPA holder is requesting to renew the site(s) they currently hold, and they cannot make substantive changes to existing operations.
- LPAs may be renewed, so long as they continue meet to meet the requirements of [Chapter 2.90](#) (regulations governing LPAs) and [12 M.R.S.A. §6072-C](#) (statute governing LPAs). This includes that the site does not unreasonably interfere with safe navigation, the ingress or egress of shorefront property owners, and fishing or other uses of the area in consideration of the number and density of other aquaculture activities in the area.

Step 3: Compile your comments

- For full consideration, please make sure the written comments are specific to the LPA rules and laws listed in Step 2 and include a summary of why the site(s) may no longer meet applicable

requirements.

- Please make sure the comment identifies the name of the LPA holder(s) and respective site ID(s). This helps the Department ensure that your comments are attributed to the correct site(s).
- You may combine comments on multiple sites into a single submission, but please make sure it is clear which site(s) you are commenting on.

Step 4: Submit your comments

- Written comments are accepted either by email or mail at the address(es) listed below. Comments submitted via email need to be received by November 30th. Comments submitted via mail need to be postmarked by November 30th.

Email:

DMRaquaculture@maine.gov

Mail:

Maine Department of Marine Resources
Attn: Aquaculture Division
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The Department will review comments received and begin processing renewals in December 2025. Please note that the renewal process can take several weeks to complete.

If you have any questions, please email DMRaquaculture@maine.gov or call 207-350-7815 and your inquiry will be directed to the appropriate staff person for follow-up.

For more information about aquaculture, including links to applications please refer to the directory below. Selecting underlined wording will redirect you to DMR's website.

[Pending lease applications.](#) This page includes all lease proposals, deemed complete by DMR, and currently under review.

[Active lease decisions.](#) This page includes all active lease decisions listed in alphabetical order by holder.

[Public participation in leasing.](#) This page includes information about the leasing process and how stakeholders can effectively engage with the process.

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