

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 SITES

Notice is hereby given that the Suffolk County Department of Planning has received 28 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 298, Article II of the Suffolk County Code). These applications were solicited under Shellfish Aquaculture Lease Application Cycle #3 from new shellfish farmers who are interested in starting a shellfish aquaculture business, or existing shellfish farmers who wish to expand their current operations. Applicants were asked to select up to three preferred lease site locations in priority order. Due to annual acreage cap limitations, only eleven 10-acre leases and one 5-acre lease could potentially be leased under Cycle #3 (total of 115 acres). Pursuant to the administrative procedures described in the *Lease Program Management Plan* (August 2009), all proposed lease sites are subject to review and comment by the public, as notified in this Public Notice. A total of 76 lease sites were identified in the lease applications. Pertinent data and information on each of the 28 applications received, numbered SCALP-11-03-01 to SCALP-11-03-28, 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.

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Shellfish Aquaculture Leases may be either a 5-acre or a 10-acre square. The proposed sites are all located within the adopted Shellfish Cultivation Zone. The Aquaculture Lease Status Map shows the location of the 76 lease sites submitted for consideration under Lease Application Cycle #3. This map is available for viewing at the Interactive Aquaculture Lease Status Website, which can be accessed at www.suffolkcountyny.gov/aquaculture. This map shows the regional distribution of the sites throughout Peconic Bay and Gardiners Bay. *Despite the fact that 28 lease applications were received, it is emphasized that only eleven 10-acre sites and one 5-acre site, could potentially be leased under this cycle.*

This Public Notice and maps showing the sites selected by each applicant for review have been posted at the following locations:

- Suffolk County Department of Planning, 100 Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788
- Suffolk County Clerk's Office, 310 Center Drive, Riverhead, NY 11901
- New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) Bureau of Marine Resources Office, 205 N. Belle Mead Road, East Setauket, NY 11733
- Town of East Hampton Clerk's Office, 159 Pantigo Road, East Hampton, NY 11937
- Town of Riverhead Clerk's Office, 200 Howell Avenue, Riverhead, NY 11901
- Town of Shelter Island Clerk's Office, 38 N. Ferry Road, Shelter Island, NY 11964
- Town of Southampton Clerk's Office, 116 Hampton Road, Southampton, NY 11968
- Town of Southold Clerk's Office, 53095 Route 25, Southold, NY 11971
- Town of East Hampton Trustee's Office, 267 Bluff Road, Amagansett, NY 11930
- Town of Southampton Trustee's Office, Trustee Dept., 116 Hampton Road, Southampton, NY 11968
- Town of Southold Trustee's Office, Town Hall Annex, 54375 Route 25, Southold, NY 11971

This Public Notice and all maps are also available for viewing at www.suffolkcountyny.gov/aquaculture.

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 –June 24, 2011. 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
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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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Suffolk County Department of Planning

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

Attachment A

Sites Submitted Under Lease Application Cycle # 3 for Evaluation

April 21, 2011

Data from 28 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 Lease Application Cycle #3
(April 21, 2011)**

Applicant	Application Reference #	Lease Site Map ID #	Lease Site Center Point		Acreage
			Latitude	Longitude	
Hampton Shellfish Co., Inc.	11-03-01	414	40.930561 N	-72.452530 W	10
		674	40.988514 N	-72.381171 W	
		661	40.983439 N	-72.384676 W	
Montauk Shellfish Co., Inc.	11-03-02	838	41.001870 N	-72.103506 W	10
		851	41.008412 N	-72.086406 W	
		853*	41.003290 N	-72.086553 W	
Kris Mielenhausen	11-03-03	618	41.073765 N	-72.389997 W	10
		634	41.060907 N	-72.386573 W	
		792	41.092602 N	-72.313739 W	
Gregory Naham	11-03-04	600	41.071246 N	-72.393092 W	10
		16	40.951275 N	-72.547936 W	
		19	40.952223 N	-72.541943 W	
Meetinghouse Creek Fisheries Inc.	11-03-05	17	40.931760 N	-72.544720 W	10
		30	40.934193 N	-72.534531 W	
		50	40.951951 N	-72.520621 W	
Sean M. Bennett	11-03-06	797*	41.049010 N	-72.311408 W	10
		834*	41.034557 N	-72.285301 W	
		529	40.960627 N	-72.413038 W	
Joseph Naham	11-03-07	32	40.970038 N	-72.532551 W	10
		601	41.068685 N	-72.393154 W	
		647	41.028856 N	-72.383570 W	
Stephen Naham	11-03-08	602	41.066123 N	-72.393216 W	10
		619	41.063515 N	-72.389894 W	
		798	41.106293 N	-72.307157 W	
John J. Gallagher	11-03-09	819	41.087189 N	-72.294099 W	10
		796	41.092552 N	-72.310354 W	
		603	41.063562 N	-72.393279 W	
Baywater Group, Inc.	11-03-10	813	41.087239 N	-72.297484 W	10
		438	41.020041 N	-72.437912 W	
		801	41.105060 N	-72.303801 W	
Multi Aquaculture Systems, Inc.	11-03-11	848	41.007034 N	-72.089828 W	10
		852	41.005851 N	-72.086480 W	
		849	41.004473 N	-72.089902 W	
Zachary Persico	11-03-12	837	41.022956 N	-72.282083 W	10
		836	41.023006 N	-72.285465 W	
		853*	41.003290 N	-72.086553 W	
Hilja K. Zamber	11-03-13	27	40.931674 N	-72.537965 W	10
		36	40.941791 N	-72.527605 W	
		41	40.946871 N	-72.524114 W	
Scott A. Lennox	11-03-14	28	40.964962 N	-72.536338 W	10
		680	40.993590 N	-72.377665 W	
		123	40.903153 N	-72.511577 W	
Matthew J. Ketcham	11-03-15	392	40.912784 N	-72.464365 W	10
		375*	40.907033 N	-72.471658 W	
		22	40.957323 N	-72.540111 W	
Richard Mailand	11-03-16	23	40.959866 N	-72.538593 W	10
		384	40.909550 N	-72.468222 W	
		364	40.904517 N	-72.475093 W	
Matthew Gregg	11-03-17	26	40.962414 N	-72.537448 W	10
		60	40.977522 N	-72.516671 W	
		418*	40.938238 N	-72.451833 W	

* Site Selected by Multiple Applicants

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Applicant	Application Reference #	Lease Site Map ID #	Lease Site Center Point		Acreage
			Latitude	Longitude	
Adam R. Schleede	11-03-18	2	40.921495 N	-72.593755 W	10
		10	40.943672 N	-72.556463 W	
		351	40.904561 N	-72.478469 W	
John Aldred	11-03-19	820	41.038526 N	-72.295351 W	10
		834*	41.034557 N	-72.285301 W	
		797*	41.049010 N	-72.311408 W	
Joshua A. Clauss	11-03-20	422	40.974028 N	-72.445756 W	10
		477	41.001974 N	-72.428191 W	
		183	40.961935 N	-72.500119 W	
David J. Farrell	11-03-21	418*	40.938238 N	-72.451833 W	10
		385	40.935877 N	-72.466921 W	
		375*	40.907033 N	-72.471658 W	
Eric W. Wright	11-03-22	416	40.935679 N	-72.452031 W	10
		401	40.935788 N	-72.460166 W	
		364*	40.904517 N	-72.475093 W	
Thomas W. Wright	11-03-23	417	40.933117 N	-72.452090 W	10
		414*	40.930561 N	-72.452530 W	
		384*	40.909550 N	-72.468222 W	
Matthew O'Connor	11-03-24	841	40.998620 N	-72.100217 W	10
		646	40.978363 N	-72.388180 W	
		391	40.915386 N	-72.467394 W	
Great South Bay Shellfish Farm Inc.	11-03-25	3	40.913642 N	-72.582038 W	10
		800	41.046397 N	-72.307929 W	
		283	40.899839 N	-72.491140 W	
Nigel Williamson	11-03-26	48	40.976008 N	-72.522047 W	10
		35	40.972567 N	-72.529910 W	
		102	40.977435 N	-72.509911 W	
Jeffrey L. Chagnon	11-03-27	440	41.014918 N	-72.438033 W	10
		470	41.019904 N	-72.427767 W	
		469	41.022465 N	-72.427706 W	
Paul Pomerantz	11-03-28	795	41.095113 N	-72.310289 W	10
		794	41.097683 N	-72.310764 W	
		799	41.092503 N	-72.306968 W	

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