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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 Economic Development and Planning has received 21 applications for new 10-acre shellfish aquaculture leases in Peconic and Gardiners 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). Applicants were asked to select up to three preferred lease site locations and list them in priority order, thus identifying 47 proposed lease sites. These applications were solicited under the 2018 Lease Application Cycle from new shellfish farmers who are interested in obtaining access to underwater lands for the controlled raising, breeding, growing, and containment of shellfish through on-bottom and/or off-bottom culture techniques for a term of 10 years. A lease site must be secured and leaseholders must receive permits from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and other pertinent regulatory agencies prior to deploying any shellfish culture gear on their lease.

Due to the annual acreage cap limitation, a total of nine new 10-acre lease sites can potentially be leased under the 2018 Cycle (total of 90 acres). All proposed sites are located within the adopted Shellfish Cultivation Zone. Pertinent information on each of the 21 applications received, numbered SCALP 18-01-01 to SCALP 18-01-21, is contained in Attachment A of this Public Notice. While 21 lease applications were received, it is emphasized that only nine new 10-acre sites can potentially be leased under the 2018 Lease Application Cycle.

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>

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