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Aquatic Farm Application period is now open

(Anchorage, AK) - The Division of Mining, Land, and Water is now accepting aquatic farm lease applications for shellfish operations in state waters. The application period opened on January 1 and ends on April 30.

The division is now accepting applications on a yearly basis to increase economic opportunities for rural Alaskans. Previously, applications were accepted every other year. During the application period, existing farmers may apply for lease amendments.

An aquatic farm lease enables the recipient to use state waters to commercially farm Pacific oysters, mussels, littleneck clams, geoduck clams or other shellfish.

Applications and information can be viewed and/or downloaded from the division's website at: <http://www.dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/aquatic/index.htm>.

For additional information or to set up a pre-application meeting, please contact John Thiede, Aquatic Farm Program Manager at 907-269-8543 or via email at john.thiede@alaska.gov.

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