

AQUATIC FARMING LEASE RENEWAL PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF MINING, LAND AND WATER
PUBLIC NOTICE UNDER AS 38.05.945

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is accepting comments on a preliminary best interest finding and decision (PD) for the **renewal** of an aquatic farm site located in Southeastern Alaska. The renewal application includes suspended culture for oysters and intertidal culture for clams. The farm is located in Clarence Strait within the Blashke Islands approximately 8 miles north of Coffman Cove. The farm site has exceeded the commercial use requirements for renewal.

If you have any questions concerning the proposed actions, please contact John S.Thiede, Program Manager, at email: john.thiede@ak.gov or phone (907) 269-8543. Written comments must be received by the DMLW at the above address or email, or at Fax (907) 269-8913 **on or before 5:00 pm, Tuesday, January 6, 2009** in order to ensure consideration.

Only those who provide written/oral comments during the public comment period will be eligible to appeal the applicable final decision(s).

If public comment in response to this notice indicates the need for significant changes to the decision, additional public notice will be given on or about **Tuesday, January 6, 2009**. The Final Best Interest Findings and Decisions (FD) of the Department of Natural Resources will be available on or about **Friday, January 9, 2009** unless additional public notice is necessary. The FDs will set out the applicable processes for appealing the decisions under AS 38.05.035(i)-(m) and 11 AAC 02. Copies of the FDs will be sent to those persons who commented during the comment period and are available for other interested parties upon request.