

# Public Notice – Option to Lease Granted

The following **Option to Lease** has been granted:

<b>Option Number (File Number):</b>	4035
<b>Option Holder (Proponent):</b>	Zach Zinck
<b>Option Location / County:</b>	Snow Island / Halifax County
<b>Species Under Exploration:</b>	Sugar Kelp ( <i>Saccharina Latissima</i> ), American oyster ( <i>Crassostrea virginica</i> )
<b>Methods of Cultivation Under Exploration:</b>	Suspended cultivation
<b>Option Period Start Date:</b>	May 1, 2024
<b>Option Period End Date:</b>	November 1, 2024

During this time, the option holder will be exploring the option location described below to determine potential fit to establish an aquaculture site.

An *Option to Lease* is not an aquaculture licence or lease and does not allow the option holder to conduct aquaculture. As part of this process, the option holder is required to hold at least one public information session in a community close to the option area. Details of this session will be published at a later date by the option holder.

This investigation may lead to future applications for specific sites. Any applications arising from this *Option to Lease* process will be reviewed by the Aquaculture Review Board.

Additional information on the *Option to lease* process can be found at <https://novascotia.ca/fish/aquaculture/starting-an-aquaculture-site/>

A description of the area is provided below and shall be added to the Site Mapping Tool available online at <https://novascotia.ca/fish/aquaculture/site-mapping-tool/> at a later date.

The option to lease area approved for exploration is described below:

- **Beginning** at a point at latitude 44° 54' 26.54" N and longitude 62° 20' 01.81" W;
- **Eastward** to a point at latitude 44° 54' 26.70" N and longitude 62° 19' 49.78" W;
- **Eastward** to a point at latitude 44° 54' 34.69" N and longitude 66° 0' 5.84" W;
- **Northeastward** to a point at latitude 44° 54' 34.89" N and longitude 62° 19' 00.10" W;
- **Northeastward** to a point at latitude 44° 54' 38.16" N and longitude 62° 18' 54.52" W;
- **Northward** to a point at latitude 44° 54' 39.84" N and longitude 62° 18' 55.45" W;
- **Westward** following the shoreline to the point of the beginning,
- **Containing** a total area of 59.53 hectares more or less.