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SUFFOLK COUNTY SHELLFISH AQUACULTURE LEASE PROGRAM IN PECONIC BAY AND GARDINERS BAY

MEETING NOTICE

SCALP Leaseholders/Aquaculture-related Interests Focus Group

The Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning is conducting intensive public outreach to obtain input during early stages of the Suffolk County Aquaculture Lease Program (SCALP) Ten Year Review Project. Part of this effort involves convening a series of focus group meetings that will target specific stakeholders. The following four focus groups have been established:

1. Environmental/Conservation Organizations; 2. SCALP Leaseholders/Aquaculture-related Interests; 3. Yacht Clubs, Marinas, Boat Trades and Other Recreational Users; and 4. Commercial and Recreational Fishing.

Notice is hereby given that the Ten Year Review SCALP Leaseholders/Aquaculture-related Interests Focus Group meeting will be held on Thursday, March 21, 2019 from 4:00 – 6:00 pm in the first floor conference room, Cornell Cooperative Extension Education Center, 423 Griffing Avenue, Riverhead, NY 11901-3071. The purpose of this focus group meeting is to obtain comments from SCALP leaseholders, NYSDEC-permitted commercial shellfish farms in other Long Island locations, shellfish hatcheries, shellfish shippers and town shellfish managers about the Lease Program, its impacts, shellfish farm operational concerns and related issues, all of which will be used in the Ten Year Review Project. Dr. Joyce Novak, Director of the Peconic Estuary Program, will facilitate this meeting. Staff from the Department of Economic Development and Planning, Division of Planning and Environment will provide background on the Lease Program; and the Division's consultant, Cashin Associates, P.C., will serve as rapporteur.

Should any questions arise about this meeting notice, please contact Ms. Susan Filipowich of my staff at 631-853-4775

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