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**SUBMERGED LANDS LEASE REVISION – FINAL FINDINGS AND DECISION**

**APPLICANT:** Town of Falmouth

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Town of Falmouth

**APPLICATION:** The Bureau of Parks and Lands accepted Department of Environmental Protection NRPA Application No. L-27828-4P-A-N as an application for a submerged lands conveyance.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The applicant proposes to replace, expand and relocate a public float system on submerged lands in Casco Bay. The proposal includes widening the boat ramp floats from 8 ft. to 9 ft. and adding one new float, moving the North float run approximately 40 feet seaward and adding two new floats, adding two new floats to the Maine float run, and installation of two ADA compliant gangways. Submerged Lands Lease No. 0010-L-29 was issued in 2000 for the existing structures.

**REVIEW COMMENTS:** Notification letters were sent to the municipality, abutters and Department of Marine Resources (DMR). No comments in opposition were received.

**FINDINGS:** Based upon its review of all information in the administrative record, the Bureau of Parks and Lands makes the following findings in accordance with Title 12 M.R.S.A. section 1862 and pertinent regulations.

*PUBLIC ACCESS WAYS:*

The Bureau finds that the project will not unreasonably interfere with public access ways to submerged lands.

*PUBLIC TRUST RIGHTS:*

The project will not unreasonably interfere with fishing, fowling, navigation, or other existing marine uses of the area.

*RECREATION:*

The project will not unreasonably interfere with recreation.

*SERVICES AND FACILITIES NECESSARY FOR COMMERCIAL MARINE ACTIVITIES:*

The project will not unreasonably diminish the availability of services and facilities necessary for commercial marine activities.

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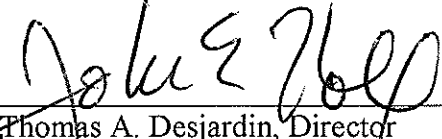
*INGRESS AND EGRESS OF RIPARIAN OWNERS:*

The project will not unreasonably interfere with ingress and egress of riparian owners.

**CONCLUSIONS:** Based upon its review of all information in the administrative record, the Bureau of Parks and Lands concludes that the project meets the requirements set forth in 12 M.R.S.A. section 1862 and in the Bureau's Chapter 53 Submerged Lands Rules.

**DECISION:** In accordance with Title 12 M.R.S.A. section 1862, the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands has determined that Submerged Lands Lease No. 2031-L-47 will be granted to the Town of Falmouth to replace Submerged Lands Lease No. 0010-L-29.

**APPEAL RIGHTS:** In accordance with 5 M.R.S.A. section 11002 and Maine Rule of Civil Procedure 80C, this decision may be appealed to Superior Court within 30 days of receipt of notice of the decision by a party to this proceeding, or within 40 days from the date of the decision by any other aggrieved person.

Signed:   
Thomas A. Desjardin, Director  
Bureau of Parks and Lands

Date: 3/30, 2018