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## Notice of Aquaculture Proposal within Long Island Sound Blue Plan Policy Area

DEEP Fisheries has been notified of a project proposed within the Long Island Sound Blue Plan policy area in the Madison Tuxis depuration area (see map below). The application is for the installation of twenty five 46" x 41" x 20" bottom cages spaced 10' apart in a 77.08'x 59.2' gear area within a 3-acre lease. Cages will be laid out in five 5-cage lines connected with a bottom longline and buoyed at each end. The cages will be used to depurate oysters and clams grown in the Hammock and Port Clinton lease areas. They will be inspected at least once a week for position and location on the lot to ensure they have not moved, and nothing is entangled in them. Weighted, sinking line will be used when attaching the anchors to each end to reduce the chances of entanglement by marine mammals. The bottom type at this site consists mainly of very soft sand and has a minimum water depth of 16' at MLLW and 20' at MHW. The entire boundary will be marked with safety aids to navigation (hazard buoys) at a distance of no more than 300 feet with the appropriate permit from CT DEEP Boating Safety Division.

Depuration Area: 41.26399, -72.59631; 41.26399, -72.59468; 41.26317, -72.594712; 41.26319, -72.59627

For additional information please contact the applicant, Tucker Oyster Company at <u>tuckeroysterco@gmail.com</u>.

All comments regarding this proposal may be submitted via electronic email to the Fisheries Division at <u>deep.marine.fisheries@ct.gov</u> no later than thirty (30) days from this notification, (deadline for comments = October 5, 2024).

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