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To: Croteau, Amy
Subject: 2027 Shellfish Fees

Hi Amy,

I was unable to attend the recent Zoom meeting, but I would like to submit my feedback regarding the proposed aquaculture fees.

As a small business, we frequently run out of product by January and must rely on wild fisheries until mid-summer. The proposed \$1,000 administration fee for lease holders would create a significant financial burden during the winter, when our income is lower and access to our harvest areas is often restricted by ice and storms. For example, in 2026, severe ice prevented us from working many of our areas for nearly three weeks.

I respectfully request that the fee due date be moved to the spring or summer when production increases. Alternatively, implementing a split-payment option would help prevent the full burden from falling at once.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

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