



# Do you want to be an aquatic farmer? Get Started!

## **STEP 1: Select a Species and a Farming Location**

What kind of shellfish is for you? Oysters? Clams? Mussels?  
Where would you like to farm? Close to home? The cabin? Remotely? What is the best habitat?

## **STEP 2: Pre-application Meeting**

Call or email us at ADF&G and set up a meeting  
Do you have questions about site selection, species selection, or filling out the application? We can help!

## **STEP 3: Site Suitability Study**

Want to select a great site? Why not test it out for a year with a site suitability study?  
Temporary permit to farm up to 10,000 in order to observe conditions at your proposed site.

## **STEP 4: Select an Aquatic Farm Site**

Select an over-the-counter site any time of the year.  
Choose any site that you think would best suit the species that you intend to grow during the opening from  
**January 1st through April 30th.**

**Selecting an aquatic farm site is the single most important factor in determining your success as a farmer.**

## **STEP 5: Submit Application Package and Fees to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR)**

One application package begins the permitting process for most of the regulatory agencies.  
It is still a good idea to contact each of the regulatory agencies personally to discuss your farming plans.

## **STEP 6: DNR Makes a Preliminary Decision**

Since the majority of farms are on public tidal and submerged lands, DNR first solicits public comments.  
After the public comment period, DNR makes a decision on whether or not to lease the land for aquatic farming.

## **STEP 7: Schedule and pay for ADF&G Site Survey (if necessary)**

For on-bottom farms, a site survey is required to determine the natural abundance prior to farming activities beginning.  
Call the Mariculture Program Coordinator, after your application is submitted, to discuss surveying your proposed farm site.

## **STEP 8: DNR and ADF&G final determination**

Decision made by the regulatory agencies on permitting the proposed farm site.  
Alterations to the farm site may need to be made to accommodate existing uses and to preserve the integrity of the habitat for other species.

## **STEP 9: Schedule Water Classification with the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)**

Contact George Scanlan at the DEC for more information

## **STEP 10: Get Permits for Harvesting, Shipping, Shucking, and Packing from the DEC**

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## **START FARMING!**

Farmers are required to have ADF&G permits to

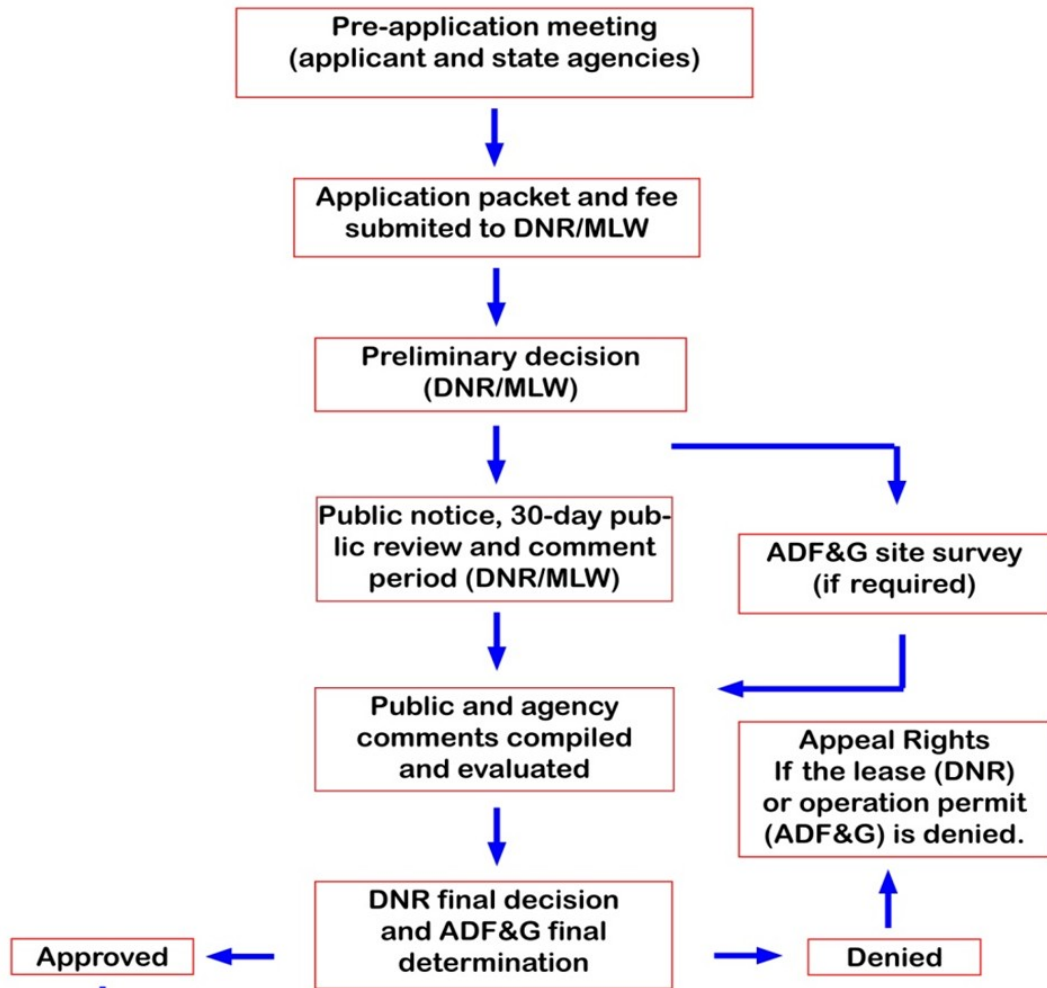
- Conduct an aquatic farm site suitability study
- Construct or operate an aquatic farm in the state of Alaska
- Construct or operate a nursery or hatchery in the state of Alaska
- Purchase, acquire, transfer, or sell shellfish stock

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## Aquatic Farm Application Review Flow Chart



DNR      ADF&G      DEC

Aquatic Farm Lease	Aquatic Farm Operation Permit	To Harvest and Sell Product
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10-year term</li> <li>• Annual lease fee, \$450/\$875 1st acre plus \$125 each additional acre</li> <li>• Performance bond, \$2,500 minimum</li> <li>• Commercial use requirement by 5th year, \$3,000 per acre or \$15,000 max. per farm site</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10-year term</li> <li>• Annual operating report for each species cultured</li> <li>• Other permits               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Transport Permit</li> <li>- Acquisition Permit</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water quality classification</li> <li>• Shellfish sampling plan (PSP)</li> <li>• Shellfish processing permits (if applicable)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Harvester</li> <li>- Shipper</li> <li>- Shucker-Packer</li> <li>- Repackers</li> <li>- Reshipper</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

DNR: Alaska Department of Natural Resources  
 MLW: Division of Mining, Land, and Water  
 ADF&G: Alaska Department of Fish and Game  
 DEC: Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation