

# Decision on Application for a New Land-based Aquaculture Licence

## Application to the Administrator:

Pursuant to the Nova Scotia *Fisheries and Coastal Resources Act* (the “Act”) and the Nova Scotia *Aquaculture Licence and Lease Regulations* (the “Regulations”); On May 10, 2022, the Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture (the “Department”) received an application for a new land-based aquaculture licence #1456 (AQ#1456), as described below:

## Application Summary:

<b>Type:</b> Land-based	<b>Location:</b> Lower West Pubnico, Yarmouth County
<b>Number:</b> AQ#1456	<b>Species:</b> Sugar Kelp and Alaria
<b>Applicant:</b> LeBlanc Seeded Lines	<b>Proposed Term:</b> 10 year licence

## Site History:

The proposed facility has not been licensed for aquaculture in the past. AQ#1456 is an administrative application for a new land-based aquaculture licence.

## Consultations on Application to Administrator:

The application was sent for consultation to the following departments or agencies of the Government of Nova Scotia, pursuant to Clause 40(1)(a) of the Regulations: Environment & Climate Change, Agriculture, Communities Culture Tourism & Heritage (CCTH), Office of L’Nu Affairs (OLA), Natural Resources & Renewables, Public Works.

The application was sent for consultation to the following departments or agencies of the Government of Canada, pursuant to Clause 40(1)(b) of the Regulations: Fisheries & Oceans Canada (DFO), Environment & Climate Change Canada (ECCC).

## Public Submissions on Application to Administrator:

Pursuant to Section 41 of the Regulations, notice of the application was published on the Department’s website and in the Royal Gazette Part I inviting the public to submit written

comments on the application to the Administrator within the 30 days following the date the notice was published. This notice was published on November 10, 2022.

Zero submissions were received by the Department during the 30-day public comment period.

**Factors to be Considered (as set out in Section 43 of the Regulations):**

*The financial viability of the proponent and the proposed operation*

LeBlanc Seeded Lines has demonstrated a viable business model and the financial resources necessary to carry out the proposed operation.

*The extent to which the proposal is in accordance with the Act, the relevant regulations made under the Act and any guidelines or policies established by the Minister*

The nature in which LeBlanc Seeded Lines intends to develop and operate this land-based site is consistent with the Act, Regulations, licence requirements, guidelines and policies of the Department.

*The technical viability of the proposed operation*

Upon consideration of all information submitted by the applicant, feedback from other government Departments and Agencies, the applicant's proposal was determined to be technically viable. The technical information provided suggests that the proper infrastructure will be put in place for the proposed method and scale of operation.

*Any factors that the Administrator considers relevant to the application*

The proposed species to cultivate are reasonable for land-based production in Nova Scotia and to be used for seeding lines for marine aquaculture sites.

As with all land-based commercial aquaculture licenses, LeBlanc Seeded Lines will be required to prepare a Farm Management Plan (FMP) and will require approval prior to stocking the site.

LeBlanc Seeded Lines will be required, by condition of licence, to comply with any permits, protocols, approvals, licences or permissions which may be required under the laws of the relevant Municipality, the Province or Canada. LeBlanc Seeded Lines will be responsible for confirming any of the before-mentioned requirements and ensuring compliance with them. Such requirements may include, but not be limited to, obtaining the proper zoning permits for the proposed aquaculture operation at the proposed location, a commercial licence from the DFO for collecting the sorus from wild marine plants within certain locations.

**Decision:**

Based on the factors considered above, Aquaculture Licence #1456 shall be issued to LeBlanc Seeded Lines for a term of ten (10) years (December 16, 2022 to December 15, 2032). Documents shall be prepared in accordance with the Department's standard operating documents and shall be made publicly available subject to the provisions of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rob Ceschiutti".

Robert Ceschiutti  
Aquaculture Administrator  
Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture

December 16, 2022

Date