

Public Notice – Call for Proposals (Reallocation of an Aquaculture Site)

On behalf of the Aquaculture Administrator, the Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture hereby announces an aquaculture site **Reallocation Call for Proposals**. Details of the call for proposals are as follows:

Site Register:	RE#9004		
Website Link to Registry:	https://novascotia.ca/fish/aquaculture/public-information/		
Location:	Aspy Bay	Site Size:	32.28 HA
County:	Victoria	Site Map / Boundaries:	Refer to enclosed map(s)
Start Date:	December 14, 2023	Deadline for Submissions:	February 14, 2024
Additional Information:	For information on general characteristics, water quality and depth, presence of gear, site history and results of performance reviews please refer to the site register.		

Previously Authorized Species and Methods of Cultivation		
Species Type:	Common Species Name(s):	Methods of Cultivation:
Shellfish	Blue mussel	Suspended

Additional Species and Methods of Cultivation Eligible for Consideration ¹		
Species Type:	Common Species Name(s):	Methods of Cultivation:
Shellfish	American oyster Bay scallop European oyster Giant sea scallop	Suspended
Marine Plants	Sugar kelp Dulse Nori	Suspended

¹ Subject to consultation with Federal and Provincial agencies per Subsection 40(1) of the *Aquaculture Licence and Lease Regulations*.

Background:

In the event a previously issued aquaculture site is discontinued, the Department will conduct a performance review to determine if the site remains a suitable location for aquaculture. In such a case, the site will be added to the Registry of sites eligible for reallocation.

The registry of aquaculture sites eligible for reallocation contains details on the biophysical information related to the aquaculture site and can be found on the Department website at <https://novascotia.ca/fish/aquaculture/public-information/>

Following a competitive call for proposals, the aquaculture Administrator may select a proposal (with or without variations). A proponent whose proposal is selected has the exclusive right to apply for a new aquaculture licence and lease for a reallocated site, for a limited time.

How to Submit a Proposal:

Reallocation proposal forms may be found on the Department website at <https://novascotia.ca/fish/aquaculture/starting-an-aquaculture-site/>

Proposals may be submitted as follows:

1. By Email (preferred method) at: Aqua.Admin@novascotia.ca
2. By Mail at:
Aquaculture Administrator
Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture
1575A Lake Road, Sandy Point, NS B0T 1W0
3. By Fax at: 902-875-7429

Proposals will be accepted from 12:00 AM on the above Start Date to 11:59 PM on the above Deadline for Submissions Date.

Evaluating and Decision:

The criteria for selecting a proposal includes (but is not limited to):

- The technical and financial feasibility of the proposal
- The potential benefits to the community and Province;
- Any previous record of the proponent related to aquacultural operations; and
- The ability of the proponent to carry out the proposal.

Refer to the reallocation proposal form for more details on the criteria under consideration and how proposals are assessed.

The Aquaculture Administrator anticipates a decision on the call for proposals to be issued within 30 days following the deadline for submissions date, depending on the number of submissions received. The Administrator has the authority to select a proposal (as submitted or with variation) or to not select any proposals. The Administrator's decision will be posted on the department's website.

Aquaculture Site Register
RE# 9004

Registry File Number:	RE#9004	Type:	Marine
Location:	Aspy Bay	Size:	32.28 HA
County:	Victoria	Site Map / Boundaries:	Refer to site map
Prior Issued Aquaculture Site:	AQ#0085		

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Site Description:

General Characteristics:

This site is located nearshore in the central region of North Harbour, Aspy Bay, North and East of Sheep Island. The site is nearshore to Cranberry March Island which lies to the Northwest.

Water Quality:

This site is located within an area classified as “approved” for harvesting of all species of bivalve mollusks by the Canadian Shellfish Sanitation Program as of November 30, 2023.

This site is within the region known to be affected by MSX.

Water Depth:

The most recent measurement indicated that the deepest portion of the site was 4.0m. Water depth should be confirmed by proponents at this site.

Gear Present:

The former licence/lease holder has identified the following aquaculture gear that is currently present within the site: 34 grow-out lines and 104 spat collector backlines including rope, sinkers, pyramids and screw anchors. This gear is reported to be in operating condition.

Following a Call for Proposals, the Department shall provide a successful proponent with contact information for the former licence/lease holder to offer the purchase of the aquaculture gear on site.

Site History:

Licence and Lease AQ#0085 was first issued in September, 1992 and was subsequently renewed until September 20, 2017.

This site was discontinued on September 20, 2017. As of October 24, 2023, the former licence/lease holder has not been issued a Certificate of Discharge pursuant to Section 62 of the Aquaculture Licence and Lease Regulations.

Performance Reviews Conducted by Administrator:

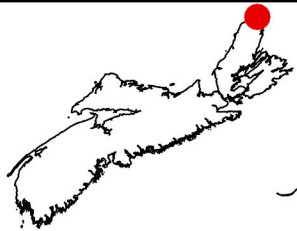
A performance review was conducted on the aquacultural operation of site AQ#0085, pursuant to Sections 71-72 of the *Aquaculture Licence and Lease Regulations* (the “Regulations”). Any concerns raised during the Performance Review have been added to the above site details.

Based on the performance review conducted above, AQ#0085 has been entered into the registry of aquaculture sites available for reallocation in the Province of Nova Scotia under Reference Number RE#9004.

Robert Ceschiutti Aquaculture Administrator Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture	Date

Encl. Site map

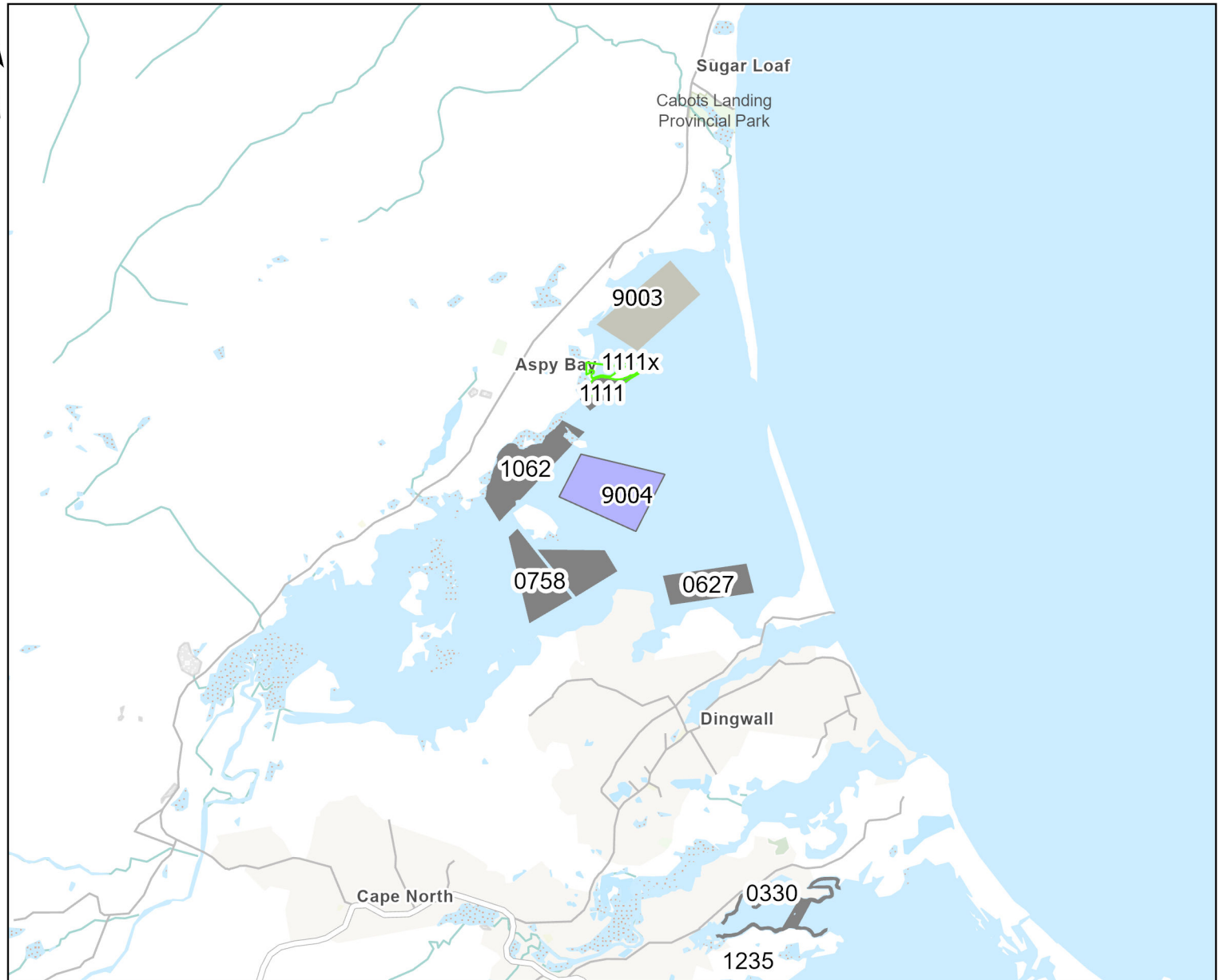
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Aquaculture Site 9004

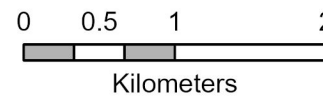
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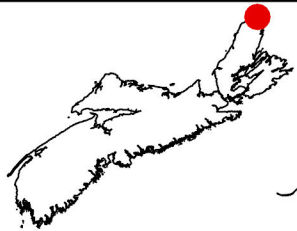
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- In Registry
- Current Lease Area
- Other Lease In Registry
- Proposed Amendment



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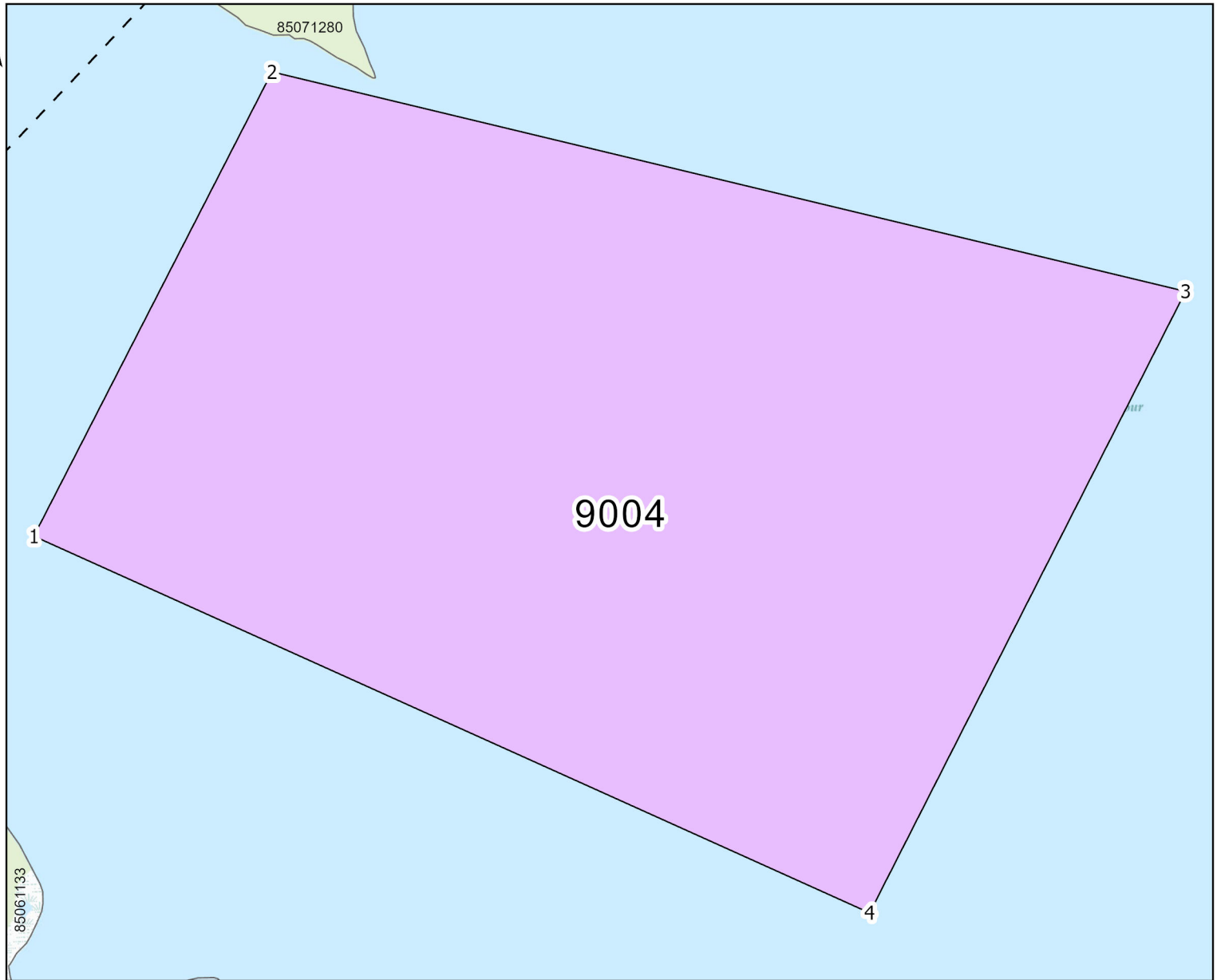
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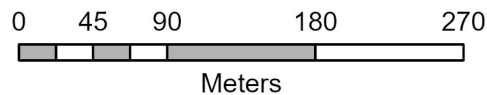
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