

Findings and Decision- New Application of 3051802 Nova Scotia Limited for AQ#1441

1. Overview:

On December 13, 2019, the Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture (NSDFA) received an application from 3051802 Nova Scotia Limited for a new Aquaculture Licence #1441 (AQ#1441), as described below:

Table 1. Description of Aquaculture Licence and Lease #1441

Type: Landbased	Location: County
Number: AQ#1441	Species: Atlantic salmon, Rainbow trout
Applicant: 3051802 Nova Scotia Limited	Proposed Term: 10 year Licence

2. History

AQ#1441 is a new licence. The facility was formerly licensed to Millbrook Frist Nation.

3. Procedure

3.1 Performance Review

A performance review of the information submitted by the operator in support of their amendment application was completed. This review recommended that the site be renewed based on the technical and biological assessment. This performance review is required pursuant to Subsection 72(d) of the Aquaculture Licence and Lease Regulations, and was completed on May 12, 2020.

3.2 Public Comment Period

Notice of the application for the application of AQ#1441 for the 30-day public comment period was published on NSDFA's website (<http://novascotia.ca/fish/aquaculture/public-information/>) for the period of March 19, 2020 to April 17, 2020. Also, the public notice was amended to include additional information and the public comment period was extended to May 8, 2020. Notice of the application was also published in the Royal Gazette Part I on March 19, March 26, April 2, April 9, April 15, April 23 and April 30, 2020.

3.3 Submissions

Three individuals requested that additional information be provided as part of the public notification process. In response to the request, the public notice was revised to include the map of the property and a summary of the application. Also, the individuals having made submissions were notified that additional information had been included in the public notification and that the timeline had been extended. Upon receipt of the additional information, the three individuals indicated that the additional information addressed their concerns.

4. Factors to be considered

The nature in which 3051802 Nova Scotia Limited intends to develop and operate this landbased site is consistent with the Act, Regulations, licence requirements, guidelines and policies of the Department.


The applicant's proposal was determined to be technically viable. The technical information provided suggests that required infrastructure will be put in place for the proposed method and scale of operation. All aspects of the application information submitted, and the subsequent review of this information support the issuance of this licence.

3051802 Nova Scotia Limited will be required to prepare a Farm Management Plan (FMP) and will require approval prior to stocking the site. The operation will also require and Introductions and Transfers permit from Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada prior to moving fish to the site.

5. Decision

Based on the considerations above, Aquaculture Licence #1441 shall be issued to 3051802 Nova Scotia Limited for a period of ten years (May 20, 2020 to May 20, 2030).

The Licence documents shall be prepared in accordance with the standard operating documents of NSDFA, and shall be made publically available subject to the provisions of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.



May 20, 2020

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Date