

This licence made in duplicate this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 20 16.

**BETWEEN:**

**HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN**, in right of the Province of Nova Scotia, as represented by the Administrator, Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture, as appointed under section 54A of the Fisheries and Coastal Resources Act, SNS 1996, c. 25,

hereinafter referred to as "**THE ADMINISTRATOR**"

OF THE ONE PART

- and -

BIG FALLS FISH GROWERS LIMITED  
1165 BLACK RIVER ROAD, RR #1  
WOLFVILLE, NS B4P 2R1

hereinafter referred to as "**THE LICENCEE**"

OF THE OTHER PART

**WHEREAS** the Administrator, under the provisions of the Fisheries and Coastal Resources Act, S.N.S. 1996, Chapter 25 (the "Act") and the Aquaculture Licence and Lease Regulations (the "Regulations"), is authorized to renew aquaculture licences and aquaculture leases;

**AND WHEREAS** pursuant to the Act the Licencee was issued Aquaculture Licence No. 1028 on March 10, 2011 for a term of four years, five months from February 10, 2011 to June 30, 2015;

**AND WHEREAS** the Licencee wishes to renew aquaculture Licence No. 1028;

**NOW THEREFORE** in consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. The Administrator hereby grants to the Licencee a licence for the culture of *Salmo salar* (Atlantic salmon), *Oncorhynchus mykiss* (Rainbow trout), *Salvelinus alpinus* (Arctic char), *Salvelinus fontinalis* (Brook trout), and *Morone saxatilis* (Striped bass) at a landbased facility located in Black River Lake, Kings County, more particularly described in Schedule "A" and as described in Licence Agreement with Nova Scotia Power Inc. described in Schedule "B" attached to and forming part of this Agreement (the "site").
2. The term of this licence shall be for ten years commencing on the 30<sup>th</sup> of June, 2015 to the 30<sup>th</sup> of June, 2025 with the right of renewal, in accordance with the terms of the Act and the Regulations.
3. The Licencee shall pay to the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board an annual fee as set out in the Regulations. The annual payment must be received by the anniversary date of the licence. Late payments are subject to a fee as set out in the Regulations.
4. The undertakings set out in Schedule "B" to this licence (the "undertakings"), form part of this Agreement, and the Licencee hereby agrees to comply with any conditions or limitations contained in the undertakings unless compliance for licensing purposes is expressly waived by the Administrator. The Licencee is responsible for confirming any undertakings and ensuring compliance with them.
5. The Licencee agrees to comply with any permits, protocols, approvals, licenses or permissions (the "licensing requirements") which may be required under the laws of the relevant municipality, the Province or Canada. The Licencee is responsible for confirming any licensing requirements and ensuring compliance with them.

6. This Licencee agrees to comply with the Atlantic Salmon Introduction Policy contained in Schedule "F" attached to and forming part of this licence. In accordance with said Schedule "F", the Licencee's certificate number is 2006-01.
7. This Licencee agrees to comply with the Arctic Char Introduction Policy contained in Schedule "G" attached to and forming part of this licence. In accordance with said Schedule "G", the Licencee's certificate number is 2006-04.
8. This Licencee agrees to comply with the Rainbow Trout Introduction Policy contained in Schedule "H" attached to and forming part of this licence. In accordance with said Schedule "H", the Licencee's certificate number is 2006-11.
9. This licence must not be assigned except with the written approval of the Administrator. If the Licencee is a corporation, any change in the right to control the corporation shall be deemed to be an assignment. No assignment shall be binding on the Administrator until approved by him in accordance with the Regulations.
10. In the event that the Licencee shall cease conducting an aquaculture business in the normal course, become insolvent, make a general assignment for the benefit of creditors, suffer or permit the appointment of a receiver of its business assets, or avail itself of any proceeding in bankruptcy under any statute relating to insolvency or the protection of rights of creditors, the Administrator may revoke this licence and this Agreement shall be of no further force and effect subject only to the right of Her Majesty the Queen in right of the Province of Nova Scotia ("Her Majesty") to claim for damages.
11. The Licencee must adhere to the Farm Management Plan, as it is in effect for this licence from time to time, and any failure to adhere to the Farm Management Plan is a breach of this licence.
12. The Licencee shall submit to the Minister of the Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture (the "Minister") an annual report stating such information as the Minister requires concerning the Licencee's use and the productivity of the site.
13. The Licencee is hereby prohibited from using the site in any way that would interfere with other licenced aquaculture operations.
14. If the Administrator, in his or her sole discretion, is of the opinion that the aquaculture activities authorized by this licence are detrimental to or interfere with other licenced facilities, the Administrator may revoke this licence without compensation.
15. Following the completion of a performance review, in accordance with the Regulations, of the aquacultural operation subject to this licence, the Administrator may vary any terms or conditions of this licence in order to address any concerns raised in the performance review.
16. The Administrator may revoke this licence without advance notice or compensation if the Licencee is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be in violation of any law of the Province or Canada relating to fishery activities.
17. If the Licencee fails to perform any of its obligations under this licence, the Minister may have the obligations performed, with the amount of any costs incurred to be a debt due to Her Majesty, for which Her Majesty shall have a first priority charge on the aquacultural produce within the site.
18. If the Licencee is in breach of any term of this licence and such breach is not corrected within the time period set out in the notice from the Administrator, the Administrator may revoke this licence without further notice or compensation.
19. Should it become necessary for Her Majesty to expropriate the Licencee's rights under this licence, it is hereby agreed that the value of the licence for purposes of expropriation compensation shall not exceed the depreciated value of improvements made by the Licencee that cannot be removed from the site. No compensation may be claimed for the cancellation of this licence where compensation is paid or payable in relation to the expropriation of a licence for the same site.



Schedule A

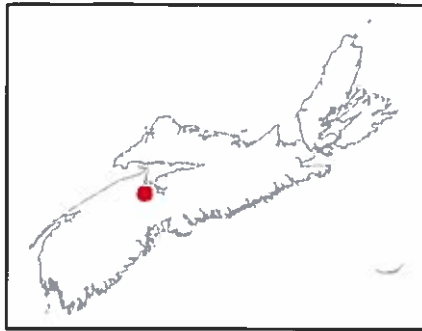
**GPS COORDINATE INFORMATION SHEET**

Application #: 1028  
Applicant: Big Falls Fish Growers Ltd.  
Location: Black River Lake County: Kings  
Dimensions of site: Fish Hatchery

**Approximate Coordinates of Application:**

Datum used: NAD 83  
Centre coordinates (approx.) Lat. 44° 58' 46.20"  
Long. -64° 22' 36.60"

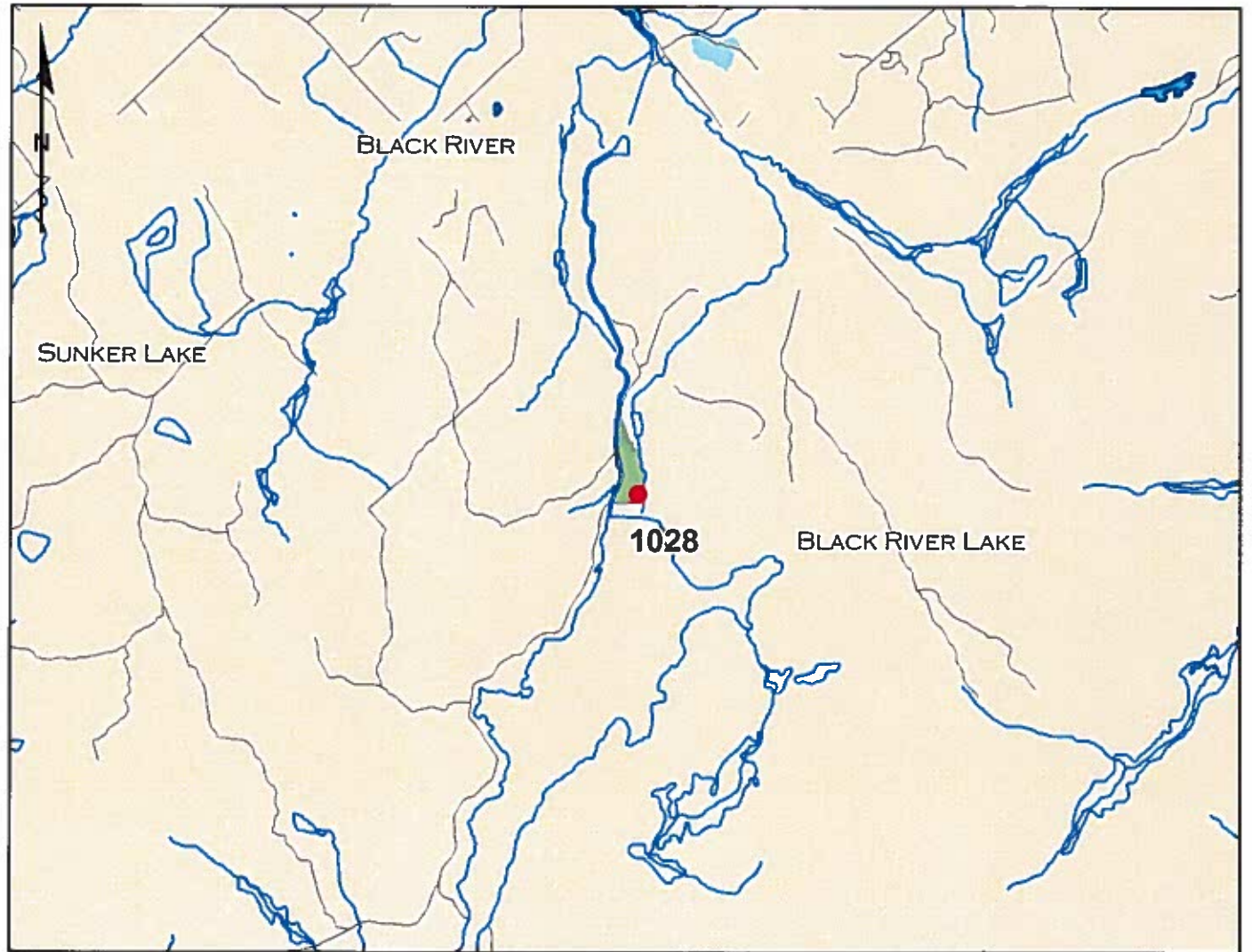
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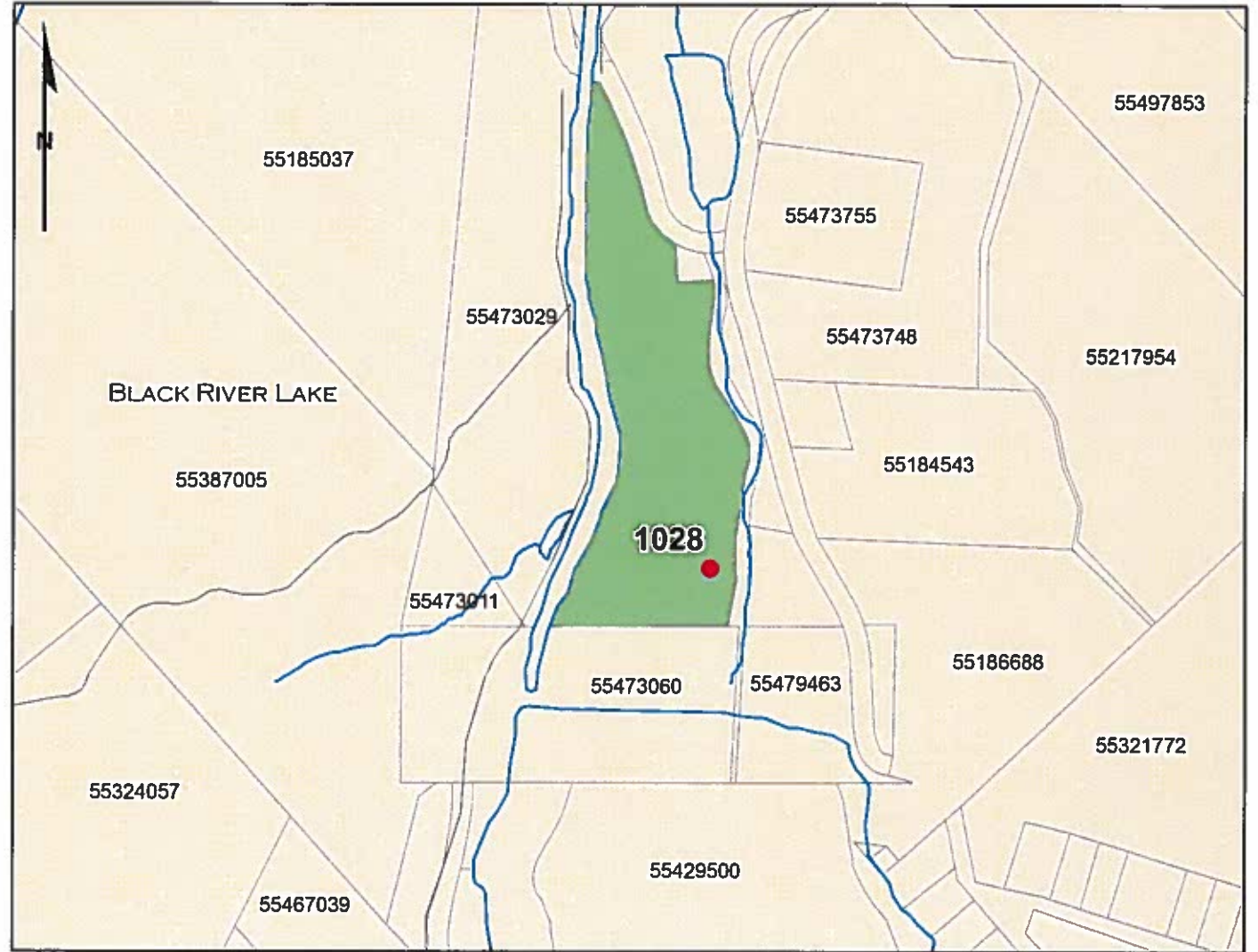
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