

## Findings and Decision - Amendment Application of Mike Cameron for AQ#1036

### 1. Overview:

On March 21, 2018, the Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture (NSDFA) received an application from Mike Cameron to amend Aquaculture Licence #1036 (AQ#1036) to include Striped bass (*Morone saxatilis*) cultivation at a Landbased Hatchery, as described below:

Table 1. Description of Aquaculture Licence #1036

<b>Type:</b> Land-Based	<b>Current Cultivation Method:</b> Hatchery
<b>Number:</b> AQ#1036	
<b>Applicant:</b> Mike Cameron	<b>Current Species:</b> Atlantic salmon, Rainbow trout, Brook trout, Arctic char
<b>Location:</b> Upper North River, Colchester County	<b>Proposed Amendment:</b> Add Species Striped Bass

### 2. History

AQ#1036 was first issued to Mike Cameron on February 28, 1997 for a ten year term (February 28, 1997 to February 28, 2007). AQ#1036 was amended on December 15, 2000 to authorize the cultivation of Atlantic salmon. AQ#1036 was renewed on May 12, 2008 for a five year term (February 28, 2007 to February 27, 2012). AQ#1036 was renewed on February 12, 2014 for a five year term (February 27, 2012 to February 27, 2017). AQ#1036 was renewed on May 1, 2017 for a ten year term (February 27, 2017 to February 27, 2027).

### 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 24, 2018.

#### 3.2 *Public Comment Period*

Notice of the application for the amendment of AQ#1036 for the 30-day public comment period was published on NSDFA's website (<http://novascotia.ca/fish/aquaculture/public-information/>) for the period of July 11, 2019 to August 9, 2019. Notice of the application was also published in the Royal Gazette Part I on July 10, 2019, July 17, 2019, July 24, 2019 and July 31, 2019.

#### 3.3 *Submissions*

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

### 4. Factors to be considered

The site has demonstrated consistent levels of production and employment. AQ#1036 is a land-based operation. The production history of the operator, and the proposed production levels for the site suggest that the operation will remain viable. The site has a record of compliance with

respect to the Act, Regulations, guidelines and polies of the Department. The nature in which the operator intends to operate the site is consistent with the Act, Regulations, licence requirements, guidelines and policies of the Department.

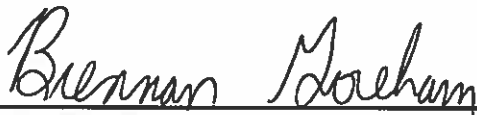
The technical information submitted with respect to the amendment application indicates that the proposed operation is technically viable. Since issuance, the site has produced a number of species. The operation makes use of flow-through technology and has proper biosecurity protocols in place. Technical information provided suggests that the proper infrastructure is in place for the proposed method and scale of the operation. All other aspects of the application information submitted, and the subsequent review of this information supports the amendment.

The licence holder is responsible to obtain the required introductions and transfer permit prior to stocking fish on the site and is responsible to comply with any permits, protocols, approvals, licenses or permissions which may be required und ether laws of the relevant municipality, the Province or Canada. The licence holder is also responsible for confirming licensing requirements and ensuring compliance with them.

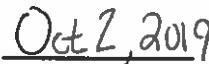
## 5. Decision

Based on the considerations above, Aquaculture Licence #1036 shall be amended to authorize the cultivation of Striped bass (*Morone saxatilis*). Except as expressly amended, Licence #1036 shall continue in full force and effect.

The Licence and Lease amendment 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*.



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