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REPORT ON THE OUTCOMES OF THE PERFORMANCE REVIEW

AQ#0814x

Submission to the Nova Scotia Aquaculture Review Board

Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture

Report on the Outcomes of the Performance Review

The following is a report on the outcomes of the performance review conducted under section 15 of the *Aquaculture Licence and Lease Regulations*.

LICENSE/LEASE DETAILS:

LICENSING COORDINATOR:

Reason for Performance Review: Receipt of a proposal for an adjudicative boundary amendment of aquaculture licence and lease AQ#0814, to expand the boundaries and merge AQ#0814, AQ#0845 and AQ#0600 into one site (known as AQ#0814x).

Licence/Lease Number: AQ#0814x (AQ#0814, AQ#0600, AQ#0845)

Licence/Lease Holder: WFN Fish Farm Limited Partnership (WFN), formerly We'koqma'q First Nation

Licence/Lease Location (Waterbody/Town/Municipality/County): Whycocomagh Bay, Inverness County

Site Size: AQ#0814 – 1.40 HA, AQ#0600 - 1.40 HA, AQ#0845 – 1.57 HA

Proposed Site Size: 63.77 HA

Species: Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*) and Rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*)

Culture Method: Marine Cage

Current Licence/Lease Term:

AQ#0600

Licence: February 2, 2021 TO February 1, 2031

Lease: February 2, 2021 TO February 1, 2041

AQ#0814

Licence: February 2, 2021 TO February 1, 2031

Lease: February 2, 2021 TO February 1, 2041

AQ#0845

Licence: February 2, 2021 TO February 1, 2031

Lease: February 2, 2021 TO February 1, 2041

File History: Aquaculture licences and leases for AQ#0814 and AQ#0600 were first issued in 1994 and AQ#0845 in 1995 to Eskasoni Fisheries Limited for ten-year terms. In 2001 the licences and leases were assigned to 3057289 Nova Scotia Limited. In 2004 the licences and leases were cancelled. The leases and licences were reissued to Waycobah First Nations Band Council (later We'koqma'q First Nation and now WFN Fish Farm Limited Partnership) in 2011 for a ten-year term. In 2021 the licences were renewed for a ten-year term (until February 1, 2031) and the leases were renewed for a twenty-year term (until February 1, 2041).

Status of Security Bond: WFN currently has a security bond in place for this site.

NOVA SCOTIA ENVIRONMENT COMPLIANCE: In 2016, the Province identified that the licence/lease holder was operating outside the bounds of the issued lease space on aquaculture site AQ#0814. This was deemed in contravention to Section 55(2)(b) of the *Aquaculture Licence and Lease Regulations*. Nova Scotia Environment (NSE) (now Nova Scotia Environment and Climate Change) provided two options to WFN to bring their operations into compliance regarding said Regulation (see Appendix A). WFN initially chose to pursue a boundary amendment application, with no increase in size, for site AQ#0814 as required by NSE to bring their operation into compliance (see Appendix B). The applicant ultimately revised their initial application to pursue an adjudicative boundary amendment to merge their three existing sites in Whycocomagh Bay (AQ#0600, AQ#0814 and AQ#0845) into one (AQ#0814x) and expand the currently issued lease space (see Appendix C and Appendix D). The boundary amendment application is to increase the size of the lease space of the three existing sites from 4.37 hectares collectively to one 65.53 hectares site. In 2024, WFN requested to adjust the proposed site boundaries of AQ#0814x to reduce the size to 63.77 hectares.

In 2021, a Compliance Information Request was submitted to Nova Scotia Environment's Inspection Compliance & Enforcement (NSE-ICE) Division (now under Natural Resources (DNR)). As noted by NSE-ICE, a complaint was filed against the licence/lease holder for site AQ#0814 as a result of a reported fish escape, and three written warnings were issued. Compliance Reports for AQ#0600 and AQ#0845 confirmed that warnings were issued under AQ#0814 (see Appendix E). In January 2024, a follow-up Compliance Information Request was submitted to NRR, and the Compliance Report received noted that the licence/lease holder was issued a written warning pursuant to Section 55(2) of the *Aquaculture Licence and Lease Regulations* for failing to ensure that equipment remains within geographic boundaries of site in 2022. The report notes that issues have since been resolved (see Appendix F).

To the knowledge of the Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture (DFA), sites AQ#0600, AQ#0814 and AQ#0845 (AQ#0814x) are in compliance and no complaints have resulted in an offence ticket or charges pursuant to the *Fisheries and Coastal Resources Act*, *Aquaculture Management Regulations*, or *Aquaculture Licence and Lease Regulations*.

OTHER PERMIT CONSIDERATIONS: An application to Transport Canada, File Number: 8200-91-3017, Whycomomagh Bay (AQ#0814) was submitted under the former *Navigation and Protection Act* (NPA), with an update to the current application submitted in 2024 (see Application Package, Volume 1 – Addendum A1.7). The updated File Number under the current Navigation and Protection Program (NPP) of the *Canadian Navigable Waters Act* (CNWA) is 1993-200258. An updated Transport Canada approval will be required following a decision from the Nova Scotia Aquaculture Review Board (NSARB).

1.0 SITE UTILIZATION

WFN has operated on sites AQ#0814, AQ#0845 and AQ#0600 since acquiring them, reporting sales in their annual production reports to DFA for Rainbow trout in 2013-2023, making the sites well utilized. The proposed boundary amendment application, which will effectively merge the three existing sites into one larger site (AQ#0814x) while also expanding the boundaries, in addition to two proposed new sites in Whycomomagh Bay (AQ#1430 in North Aberdeen and AQ#1431 in South Aberdeen), supports the applicant's plans to expand their operations in Nova Scotia. The proposed amended site AQ#0814x will act primarily as the over-wintering location for the two new proposed sites, a nursery for young fish prior to grow-out at the proposed new sites, and as a potential grow-out area depending on environmental performance. The sites will be managed collectively to produce Rainbow trout on a consistent, routine production cycle.

2.0 FARM MANAGEMENT PLAN STATUS

AQUACULTURE OPERATIONS: WFN has a Farm Management Plan (FMP) in place for AQ#0814, including AQ#0845 and AQ#0600 as per the expected boundary amendment. This FMP was reviewed and approved for implementation by the Department on June 4th, 2019. The FMP will be reviewed after a decision on the site application is issued by the NSARB to ensure it reflects their operation on lease AQ#0814.

3.0 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

AQUACULTURE OPERATIONS: The primary Environmental Quality Objective (EQO) for the marine environment where an aquaculture operation occurs is to maintain oxic sediment conditions. If oxic sediment conditions cannot be maintained, operators must comply with the regulatory process that identifies steps required to improve seafloor conditions. DFA reviewed the environmental performance of leases AQ#0814, AQ#0600 and AQ#0845 back to 2011, when the sites were first leased by We'koqma'q First Nation. The review showed that the sites have exceeded oxic conditions multiple times. Mitigation plans were put in place when required and WFN has continued to meet the requirements set out by the department. The operator has fully participated in the EMP program as set out by the *Aquaculture Management Regulations*.

The site was reviewed for containment management practices in accordance with the *Aquaculture Management Regulations*. On November 15, 2019, WFN reported both a suspected and known breach event that occurred on September 8 and October 22, 2019, respectively. In addition, on December 18, 2019, WFN reported a suspected breach event that occurred on November 28, 2019. It was determined by the Department that these suspected and known breach events were not reported immediately. It is a requirement of the *Aquaculture Management Regulations* to immediately report a suspected or known breach to the Department. WFN was required to submit a corrective action report which identified the root causes of the non-compliance and measures to prevent reoccurrence. The Department's regulatory and program requirements for containment management, including Farm Management Plan audits, will continue to be applied to WFN operations to assess for compliance.

AQUATIC ANIMAL HEALTH: Ongoing fish health surveillance and management has enabled this site to be consistently productive. The operation of AQ#0600, AQ#0845, and AQ#0814 has been conducted in a manner that follows the regulatory processes as outlined in the *Aquaculture Management Regulations*. The Operator has fully participated in the Nova Scotia marine finfish surveillance program which involves regular veterinary site visits, sampling and diagnostics

examining the on-site population. The management of fish health is overseen by site staff and Provincial Aquatic Animal Health Veterinarians.

4.0 Conclusion

The overall performance review has shown that the farming of Rainbow trout by WFN on lease AQ#0814x has been consistently productive since WFN was assigned the lease and commenced farming operations on the site in 2011. The site has been reviewed for its technical feasibility for farming fish in this proposed leased space and for the operation and operator to be able to farm in a manner that meets the regulatory requirements laid out in the *Nova Scotia Fisheries and Coastal Resources Act*, the *Aquaculture Licence and Lease Regulations* and the *Aquaculture Management Regulations*. The Department's act, regulations, programs and auditing capacity will continue to allow for effective management and oversight of marine finfish operations. As a result of the review, DFA has referred this adjudicative amendment application to the board for consideration and decision.

APPENDIX A – NOVA SCOTIA ENVIRONMENT LETTER 2016

Inspection, Compliance and Enforcement Division

Our File No.:

May 31, 2016

Phil Drinnan
WAYCOBAH FIRST NATIONS BAND COUNCIL
PO BOX 209
WHYCOCOMAGH NS B0E3M0

Dear Aquaculture Lease/Licence Holder:

Aquaculture Licence and Lease Regulations and the Aquaculture Management Regulations

Nova Scotia Environment (NSE), Inspection, Compliance and Enforcement Division, is responsible for enforcement of the *Fisheries and Coastal Resources Act* and its regulations, including the *Aquaculture License and Lease Regulations* and the *Aquaculture Management Regulations*.

On October 26, 2015, the Province released new regulations made pursuant to the Fisheries and Coastal Resources Act. These regulations, which are administered by the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture (DFA), are *Aquaculture License and Lease Regulations* and the *Aquaculture Management Regulations*. These two new regulations provide the framework for how all Nova Scotian Aquaculture licence and lease holders must operate their aquaculture sites and established the process for amending any of the existing licences or leases.

NSE's Conservation Officers, which now include Fisheries Inspectors, are located at various government offices across the Province and will be enforcing this legislation. This will include conducting compliance checks and responding to complaints. NSE is committed to ensuring that all licence and lease holders are in compliance with the regulations.

NSE recognizes the importance for regulated parties to have information and guidance on the legal requirements of the new aquaculture legislation and how the Industry can comply. NSE would like to take this opportunity to mention a few of the compliance issues the department is working to address and ensure that you are aware of your legal obligation in these matters.

Site Marking Requirements

All lease and licence holders are to immediately ensure that their sites are marked in accordance with section 55(1) of the *Aquaculture License and Lease Regulations*:

"An aquaculture licence holder must mark each of their sites in a manner determined by the Minister and keep each site marked during the term of their licence."

As indicated in a letter to you from DFA dated May 18, 2016, the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture has determined that all sites will be marked as follows:

"The holder of an aquaculture lease shall

- (a) mark all corners of the leased site with cautionary yellow buoys of a minimum of 60 cm in diameter;*
- (b) mark all corners of the leased bottom with a cement block or similar device of a weight sufficient to ensure the cement block or device remains in place at all times; and*
- (c) display the licence or lease number at 1 corner of the licensed or leased area."*

NSE Conservation Officers will be conducting inspections this year. Part of their inspections will include, but will not be limited to, ensuring that all lease holders meet this regulatory requirement.

Operating Off-lease

The new *Aquaculture License and Lease Regulations* in section 55(2)(b) states the following:

"55(2)(b) An aquaculture licence holder must ensure that equipment and aquacultural produce related to any of their sites remain within the geographic boundaries of that site."

NSE Conservation Officers will enforce a deadline of October 26, 2016 for lease and licence holders to exercise one of the options below if their site is not in compliance with the licence issued by the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture (DFA).

Options

1. Licence Holders shall submit a scheduled re-alignment plan on or before October 26, 2016 to Nova Scotia Environment. These scheduled re-alignment plans must receive approval from NSE and will be required to provide the detailed steps a licence holder plans to take to move all equipment and produce back within their lease boundaries and must also provide the proposed schedule for completion of these tasks; or
2. Licence holders shall submit an application for an adjudicative or administrative amendment on or before October 26, 2016 to DFA's Aquaculture Division. The format for

these applications and their review process is stipulated in the new *Aquaculture License and Lease Regulations*. DFA should be contacted for specific questions about these processes.

Please note that after October 26, 2016, any licence holders operating off-lease who have not provided a scheduled re-alignment plan to NSE for approval or an application for an adjudicative or administrative amendment to DFA will be considered non-compliant and in violation of the above Act and regulations and could face additional enforcement action.

The legal onus is on the licence holder to initiate these processes and ensure that the plan or application is submitted to the appropriate department on or before October 26, 2016.

NSE would like to thank you for your continued cooperation by ensuring the above items are addressed in accordance to the *Fisheries and Coastal Resources Act*, the *Aquaculture License and Lease Regulations* and the *Aquaculture Management Regulations*.

For your convenience, a list of contacts and more information about the regulations follows this letter. Also, complaints concerning aquaculture operations can be directed to 1-800-565-2224 for response by a Conservation Officer.

Yours truly,

Adrian Fuller
Executive Director

APPENDIX B – AMENDMENT APPLICATION ACKNOWLEDGEMENT LETTER 2016



Nova Scotia Department of
Fisheries and Aquaculture

1575 Lake Road
Shelburne, Nova Scotia
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AQ#0814
Renewal Application

May 26, 2016

Waycobah First Nations Band Council
Attn: Phil Drinnan
PO Box 149
Whycocomagh, Ns B0E3M0

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Dear: Mr. Drinnan

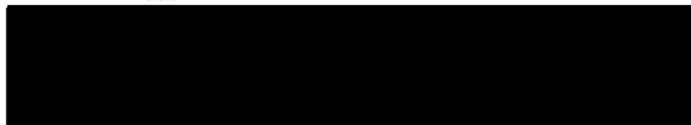
Re: Aquaculture Licence AQ#0814 - Amendment
Marine cultivation of Rainbow Trout, located in Inverness County

This letter acknowledges receipt of amendment application, amendment plan and amendment fees received on May 25, 2016 for change of site boundaries of Aquaculture Licence /Lease No. 0814. Your amendment application will now proceed to the review stage of the amendment process. Please be advised that I will be in communication in one month to provide an update on the progress of the review of your application.

It should be noted that following the internal review of your amendment application, if any additional information is required you will be provided with a deadline to submit this information.

If you have any further questions I can be reached at (902) 875-7441 or by email amber.creamer@novascotia.ca

Sincerely,



Amber Creamer
Licensing Coordinator

- c. Dr. Vicki Swan, Manager of Aquaculture Development
- NSDFA Finfish Biologist
- Matthew King, GIS Analyst
- Nicole Sampson, Coastal Resource Coordinator

Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture Web Site
<http://novascotia.ca/fish/programs-and-services/industry-support-services/aquaculture/>

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APPENDIX C – EXPANSION PROPOSALS LETTER 2017

December 15, 2017

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Waycobah First Nation
ATTN: Mr. Drinnan & Mr. Davis
220 Stoney Point Rd.
PO Box 149
Whycocomagh, NS
B0E 3M0

MAILED
DEC 15 2017

Dear Mr. Drinnan and Mr. Davis:

Re: Waycobah First National Expansion Proposals

I write as a follow-up to our meeting of November 20, 2017 in Halifax, NS with regards to your aquaculture expansion proposals. This letter outlines our understanding of your intended proposals and applications. Furthermore, a comprehensive table is attached which summarizes the current status and outstanding requirements of your proposals.

1. Boundary Amendment to AQ#0814

On May 25, 2016, an amendment application for AQ#0814 was received. This application proposed modifying the site boundaries without increasing the size. On March 14, 2017, this amendment proposal was modified to increase the size of the site boundaries. Subsequently, at our meeting of November 20, 2017, you indicated that you may wish to further modify this application by further increasing the size. Please be advised that although some information has been received to date, that this information as presently submitted does not allow for the application to proceed. As such, for this amendment application, we require the following:

- a. Marine Finfish Development Plan (Guideline enclosed)
- b. Scoping Report (may be combined with others, discussed below)

The provision of information derived from baseline sampling is a requirement of the Marine Finfish Development Plan. Though baseline sampling was conducted in the spring of 2015, with respect to the proposed site boundary expansion, the information submitted did not meet the quality assurance requirements of the department. Therefore, baseline sampling will be required. Please be advised that sampling requirements for the purposes of the Federal Aquaculture Activity Regulations (AAR) may differ. Please contact with Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) to discuss requirements under the AARs.

2. New Aquaculture Sites in Whycocomagh Bay

On November 22, 2017, you provided the Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture with application documents for four marine aquaculture sites in Whycocomagh Bay. Please be

advised that these applications cannot be considered at this time. Prior to submitting applications for marine aquaculture sites, you are required to obtain an *Option to Lease*. On November 27, 2017, you submitted your Option to Release request via email. This request will be reviewed and forwarded to the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture for consideration. Should your option request be granted, you will be required to submit a fee of \$500.00 to secure your option to lease. Furthermore, you will have a six-month time period (with the option of an extension) to complete your scoping activities and submit a formal lease application (including Marine Development Plan). You may wish to undertake a comprehensive scoping exercise which outlines your various Development proposals. Also, should you be granted an Option to Lease, you may apply for multiple sites within the approved option area. Please be advised, that the baseline sampling information submitted in the spring of 2015, with respect to the new aquaculture sites did not meet the quality assurance requirements of the department. Therefore, baseline sampling will be required. Please be advised that sampling requirements for the purposes of the Federal Aquaculture Activity Regulations (AAR) may differ. Please contact with Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) to discuss requirements under the AARs.

3. Assignment Applications

You have indicated that you are in negotiations to have several aquaculture sites, currently issued to St. Peter's Fish Hatchery, assigned to Waycobah First Nation. Assignments require the approval of the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture, and are subject to an internal technical review and a 30-day public comment period. Each site which you intend to have assigned will be considered separately, and as such you are required to submit the following items for each site which you intend to have assigned:

- a. Assignment application (enclosed);
- b. Assignment development plan (enclosed);
- c. Assignment application fees (\$250.00 per licence and \$250.00 per lease)

4. Experimental Licence Application

You have indicated that you wish to pursue an experimental licence application for a marine site located on a privately-owned water parcel. Experimental applications require an internal technical review, review by other relevant provincial and federal Departments and agencies, and a 30-day public comment period. Experimental licences may be issued for a maximum of five years, and require annual renewal. To pursue an experimental licence application, you are required to submit the following:

- a. Experimental Licence application (enclosed);
- b. Marine Experimental Development Plan and Proposal (enclosed);
- c. Experimental Licence application fee in the amount of \$250.00

December 15, 2017
 Waycobah First Nation
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Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Lynn Winfield, Licensing Coordinator, at 902-875-7440 or via email at lynn.winfield@novascotia.ca

Cheers,


 Brennan Goreham
 Administrator

- c. Robin Stuart, Robin Stuart Consulting
 Brian Rogers, Rogers Consulting Inc.
 Bruce Hancock, Director of Aquaculture
 Dr. Roland Cusack, Chief Aquatic Animal Health Veterinarian
 Nathaniel Feindel, Manager of Aquaculture Development
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 Nicole Sampson, Coastal Resource Coordinator



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APPENDIX D – AMENDMENT APPLICATION ACKNOWLEDGEMENT LETTER 2019



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ACKNOWLEDGMENT LETTER

AQ#0814, AQ#1430, AQ#1431

BN#108207861NS0002

April 8, 2019

We'koqma'q First Nation
ATTN: Mr. Donald Davis
220 Stoney Point Rd.
PO Box 149
Whycocomagh, NS
B0E 3M0

Dear Mr. Davis:


**Re: Aquaculture Licence and Lease Applications - AQ#1430 and AQ#1431
AQ0814 – Boundary Amendment**

This letter acknowledges receipt of the development plans and scoping report received on March 5, 2019, and the application fees received on April 8, 2019. Your applications will now proceed to the internal review stage of the application process.

Following the internal review of your applications, if any additional information is required you will be provided with a deadline to submit this information.

Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to me at 902-875-7440 or by email at lynn.winfield@novascotia.ca.

Sincerely,



E. Lynn Winfield,
Licensing Coordinator

C. NSDFA Staff

APPENDIX E – COMPLIANCE INFORMATION REQUEST FORMS (2021)

**NOVA SCOTIA DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE
COMPLIANCE INFORMATION REQUEST FORM**

Compliance information requested via this form pertains to the *Fisheries and Coastal Resources Act*, *Aquaculture Management Regulations*, *Aquaculture Licence and Lease Regulations* and any terms and conditions associated with an aquaculture licence or lease.

1.0 DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL SUBMITTING REQUEST

Name: Megan Greenwood **Title/Position:** Licensing Coordinator
Telephone Number: 902-875-7443 **Email:**
Megan.Greenwood@novascotia.ca

Date submitted to NSE: 2021-07-27

Date response requested by: 2021-08-27

2.0 DETAILS OF LICENCE/LEASE

Licence/Lease Holder: We'koma'q First Nation

Aquaculture Licence/Lease #: AQ#0814

Site Location: Waycobah Bay, Inverness Co., **Site Coordinates:** Map Attached

Type of Culture: Marine Cage **Species:** Rainbow trout and Atlantic salmon

Lease/Licence Holder Contact Information:

Name: Donald Davis

Position:

Telephone Number: [REDACTED]

E-mail: donalddavis@waycobah.ca

3.0 REQUEST FOR COMPLIANCE STATUS

TO BE COMPLETED BY DFA:

Specific reason for request: Adjudicative Amendment

TO BE COMPLETED BY NSE CONSERVATION ENFORCEMENT:

REQUESTED INFORMATION:

Has a complaint been filed with Nova Scotia Environment against the lease/license holder?

YES NO

If yes, please provide details and any follow up action taken: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Report of fish escape, Sept 2019

Has the licence/lease holder been issued a written warning pursuant to the *Fisheries and Coastal Resources Act*, Aquaculture Management Regulations, Aquaculture Licence and Lease Regulations or any terms and conditions associated with an aquaculture licence or lease?

YES NO

If yes, please provide details and any follow up action taken: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Licence holder was issued 3 warning

Has the licence/lease holder been issued a summary offence ticket or been charged with an offence pursuant to the *Fisheries and Coastal Resources Act*, Aquaculture Management Regulations, Aquaculture Licence and Lease Regulations or any terms and conditions associated with an aquaculture licence or lease?

YES NO

If yes, please provide details and any follow up action taken: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Has the licence/lease holder been convicted of an offence pursuant to the *Fisheries and Coastal Resources Act*, Aquaculture Management Regulations, Aquaculture Licence and Lease Regulations or any terms and conditions associated with an aquaculture licence or lease?

YES NO

If yes, please provide details and any follow up action taken: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

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1.0 DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL SUBMITTING REQUEST

Name: Megan Greenwood **Title/Position:** Licensing Coordinator

Telephone Number: 902-875-7443 **Email:**
Megan.Greenwood@novascotia.ca

Date submitted to NSE: 2021-09-21

Date response requested by: 2021-10-21

2.0 DETAILS OF LICENCE/LEASE

Licence/Lease Holder: We'koma'q First Nation

Aquaculture Licence/Lease #: AQ#0600

Site Location: Waycobah Bay, Inverness Co., **Site Coordinates:** Map Attached

Type of Culture: Marine Cage **Species:** Rainbow trout and Atlantic salmon

Lease/Licence Holder Contact Information:

Name: Donald Davis **Position:**

Telephone Number: [REDACTED] **E-mail:** donalddavis@waycobah.ca

3.0 REQUEST FOR COMPLIANCE STATUS

TO BE COMPLETED BY DFA:

Specific reason for request: Adjudicative Amendment within AQ#0814.

TO BE COMPLETED BY NSE CONSERVATION ENFORCEMENT:

REQUESTED INFORMATION:

Has a complaint been filed with Nova Scotia Environment against the lease/license holder?

YES NO

If yes, please provide details and any follow up action taken: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Has the licence/lease holder been issued a written warning pursuant to the *Fisheries and Coastal Resources Act*, Aquaculture Management Regulations, Aquaculture Licence and Lease Regulations or any terms and conditions associated with an aquaculture licence or lease?

YES NO

If yes, please provide details and any follow up action taken: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

License hold was issued warning but for another site.

Has the licence/lease holder been issued a summary offence ticket or been charged with an offence pursuant to the *Fisheries and Coastal Resources Act*, Aquaculture Management Regulations, Aquaculture Licence and Lease Regulations or any terms and conditions associated with an aquaculture licence or lease?

YES NO

If yes, please provide details and any follow up action taken: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

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Name: Megan Greenwood **Title/Position:** Licensing Coordinator

Telephone Number: 902-875-7443 **Email:**
Megan.Greenwood@novascotia.ca

Date submitted to NSE: 2021-09-21

Date response requested by: 2021-10-21

2.0 DETAILS OF LICENCE/LEASE

Licence/Lease Holder: We’koma’q First Nation

Aquaculture Licence/Lease #: AQ#0845

Site Location: Waycobah Bay, Inverness Co., **Site Coordinates:** Map Attached

Type of Culture: Marine Cage **Species:** Rainbow trout and Atlantic salmon

Lease/Licence Holder Contact Information:

Name: Donald Davis **Position:**

Telephone Number: [REDACTED] **E-mail:** donalddavis@waycobah.ca

3.0 REQUEST FOR COMPLIANCE STATUS

TO BE COMPLETED BY DFA:

Specific reason for request: Adjudicative Amendment within AQ#0814

TO BE COMPLETED BY NSE CONSERVATION ENFORCEMENT:

REQUESTED INFORMATION:

Has a complaint been filed with Nova Scotia Environment against the lease/license holder?

YES NO

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YES NO

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YES NO

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APPENDIX F – COMPLIANCE INFORMATION REQUEST FORMS (2024)

REPORT ON THE OUTCOMES OF THE PERFORMANCE REVIEW

Compliance information requested via this form pertains to the *Fisheries and Coastal Resources Act, Aquaculture Management Regulations, Aquaculture Licence and Lease Regulations and any terms and conditions associated with an aquaculture licence or lease.*

Section 1 (to be completed by the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture)

Details of individual submitting request	
Name	Susanne Holland
Title / Position	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Licence Coordinator <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
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Date Submitted to DNRR-CO	January 26, 2024
Requested Response Date	Feb 5, 2024

Details of Licence / Lease	
Licence / Lease Holder	We'Kogma'q First nation
Licence / Lease #	AQ # 0814 Aq # 0845 Aq # 0600
Site Location	Whycocomagh Bay
Site Coordinates	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Map Attached
Method(s) of Cultivation (select all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> Bottom without Gear <input type="checkbox"/> Suspended
	<input type="checkbox"/> Bottom with Gear <input type="checkbox"/> Marine Cage
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:
Species	Finfish Rainbow Trout/ Atlantic Salmon

Lease / Licence Holder Contact Information	
Contact Name	Gioia Usher
Title / Position	
Phone #	
email	gioiastanley@waycobah.ca

Request for Compliance Status	
Reason for Request	Aquaculture Amendment Application
Comments	

Section 2 (to be completed by the Department of Natural Resources and Renewables)

Details of individual completing request	
Name	
Title / Position	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional Enforcement Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
Date Completed	

Compliance Information Results

#1: Has a complaint been filed with Nova Scotia Natural Resources and Renewables against the lease/license holder?	
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
If yes, please provide details and any follow up action taken:	

#2: Has the licence/lease holder been issued a written warning pursuant to the <i>Fisheries and Coastal Resources Act</i> , Aquaculture Management Regulations, Aquaculture Licence and Lease Regulations or any terms and conditions associated with an aquaculture licence or lease?	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
If yes, please provide details and any follow up action taken:	
In 2022 was issued a warning under the Aquaculture Licences and Lease regulations: 55(2): Failing to ensure that equipment remains within geographic boundaries of site. Issues has since been resolved.	

#3: Has the licence/lease holder been issued a summary offence ticket or been charged with an offence pursuant to the <i>Fisheries and Coastal Resources Act</i> , Aquaculture Management Regulations, Aquaculture Licence and Lease Regulations or any terms and conditions associated with an aquaculture licence or lease?	
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
If yes, please provide details and any follow up action taken:	

#4: Has the licence/lease holder been convicted of an offence pursuant to the <i>Fisheries and Coastal Resources Act</i> , Aquaculture Management Regulations, Aquaculture Licence and Lease Regulations or any terms and conditions associated with an aquaculture licence or lease?	
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
If yes, please provide details and any follow up action taken:	

Please return this completed form to the individual submitting the request