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October 21, 2025

Nova Scotia Aquaculture Review Board
P.O. Box 2223
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Dear Nova Scotia Aquaculture Review Board:

Re: Application for Boundary Amendment for Marine Finfish Licence/Lease AQ#0814x and New Marine Finfish Licence/Lease AQ#1430 and AQ#1431, WFN Fish Farm Limited Partnership, Whycomomagh Bay, Inverness County, Nova Scotia

WFN Fish Farm Limited Partnership (WFN) applied to the Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture (DFA) for a boundary amendment for their marine finfish licence and lease AQ#0814x, per section 13 of the *Aquaculture Licence and Lease Regulations*. Additionally, following the option to lease period for option AQ#1413, WFN applied to DFA for two new marine finfish licences and leases, AQ#1430 and AQ#1431, per section 11 of the *Aquaculture Licence and Lease Regulations*.

Please accept this letter as my referral of the following marine finfish licence and lease applications to the Nova Scotia Aquaculture Review Board:

- Adjudicative Amendment AQ#0814x, under section 16 of the *Aquaculture Licence and Lease Regulations*; and
- New licence and lease AQ#1430 and AQ#1431, under section 47 of the *Fisheries and Coastal Resources Act*.

Four copies of the following documents are enclosed:

- I. a completed application package;
- II. a report on the outcomes of the consultations; and
- III. a report on the outcomes of the performance review for AQ#0814x, and existing experimental licences/leases AQ#5010 and AQ#5013 (commercial applications AQ#1430 and AQ#1431 respectively).

Also included within this package you will find an external hard drive which includes the aforementioned documents and supporting application videos.

Please direct any future correspondence to the Department's legal counsel, Alison Campbell at alison.campbell@novascotia.ca.

Thank you for your consideration of this application and I look forward to your decision.

Yours sincerely,

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Honourable Kent Smith, E.C.N.S.