

NOVA SCOTIA AQUACULTURE REVIEW BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF: *Fisheries and Coastal Resources Act, SNS 1996, c 25*

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IN THE MATTER OF: An Application by KELLY COVE SALMON LTD. for a boundary amendment and two new finfish aquaculture licenses and leases for the cultivation of Atlantic salmon (*Salmon salar*) – AQ#1205x, AQ#1432, AQ#1433, in Liverpool Bay, Queens County

Affidavit of Michael Szemerda affirmed on September 5, 2025

I affirm and give evidence as follows:

1. I am Michael Szemerda, of St. George, New Brunswick. I am the Global Chief Sustainability Officer for the parent company of the Applicant, Kelly Cove Salmon Ltd. (“**KCS**”), Cooke Aquaculture Inc. (“**Cooke**”).
2. I have personal knowledge of the evidence affirmed in this affidavit except where otherwise stated to be based on information and belief.
3. I state, in this affidavit, the source of any information that is not based on my own personal knowledge, and I state my belief of the source.

(1) WITNESS PANEL

4. KCS seeks to present a witness panel to address and respond to questions regarding the Liverpool Bay Development Plan prepared by SIMCorp dated March 6, 2019 (the “**Development Plan**”) as contained within the Application Package filed by the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture with the Nova Scotia Aquaculture Review Board.

5. The Development Plan addresses multiple topics and subject matters. In addition to the witnesses who have sworn pre-filed evidence on behalf of KCS, KCS intends to put forward the following witnesses from Cooke, KCS and SIMCorp to answer questions about the different sections of the Development Plan at the hearing:

Witness	Role
Michael Szemerda	Cooke, Global Chief Sustainability Officer
Adam Turner, PEng	Cooke, Director of Marine Infrastructure
Dr. Leighanne Hawkins	KCS, Fish Health Manager/Veterinarian
Jennifer Hewitt	KCS, Compliance Manager
Scott Leslie	KCS, Business Development Manager
Tara Daggett	SIMCorp, Senior Marine Environmental Biologist

(2) **CONDENSED VIDEO**

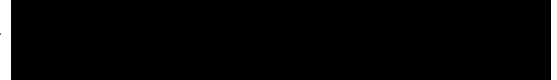
6. KCS previously prepared and submitted a video presentation attached as Exhibit G to the Affidavit of Jeffery Nickerson affirmed on January 22, 2025 (the “**Original Video**”).
7. In light of the amended scope of the Application and the limited number of hearing days, under my direction, KCS prepared a condensed version of the Original Video (the “**Condensed Video**”) which KCS seeks to present at the hearing.
8. The Condensed Video is 13.5 minutes long. It exclusively contains video footage cut from the Original Video.
9. A secure USB flash drive copy of the Condensed Video is attached as **Exhibit A**. The password for the USB flash drive will be provided under separate correspondence, as well as a secure video link, to the Board and to the parties.
10. To the best of my knowledge, information and belief the statements of fact and the opinions expressed in the Original Video and Condensed Video are true and correct.

11. I make this affidavit in support of KCS's Application and for no other purpose.

VIRTUALLY AFFIRMED before me in
Halifax, Nova Scotia, on MS Teams, with
Michael Szemerda in St. George, New
Brunswick on September 5, 2025.



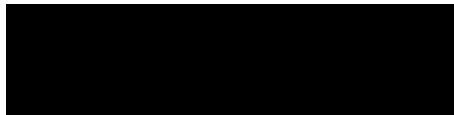
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Michael Szemerda

**Boundary Amendment Application
AQ#1205x in Liverpool Bay, Queens
County**

This is Exhibit A referred to in the Affidavit
of Michael Szemerda, affirmed before me
on September 5, 2025.



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Exhibit A

Video titled "NS ARB Hearing of Kelly Cove Salmon Ltd's application for a boundary amendment – Coffin Island (AQ#1205) in Liverpool Bay, Queens County"

USB drives provided to the ARB along with this submission.

Secure Link provided to the ARB and parties under separate cover.