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Good morning. My apologies for the hassle. I was trying to get this to you before the hearing. Now all of South Queens has a power outage and my internet and cell service is very limited. I appreciate your patience. Please let me know if you need anything. Thanks Tom

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INTERVENOR STATUS APPLICATION

Instructions

Please submit this form to the Aquaculture Review Board (Board) no later than **ten (10) days** after the publication date of the public hearing notice. You may attach additional pages if necessary.

Intervenor Status Applications will only be processed if they are received by the Board on or before 16h30 pm (local Nova Scotia time) on the deadline date.

A person applying for intervenor status for multiple applications must complete and submit individual Intervenor Status Applications forms for each application.

Pursuant to s.23 of the *Aquaculture Licence and Lease Regulations*, the Board will decide on this Intervenor Status Application within ten (10) days of receipt and will notify you of the decision no later than five (5) days after the decision is made.

All information provided to the Board on this form and any additional pages submitted (the "form information") will become a part of the record of the hearing. Should your application for intervenor status be accepted, the form information may be disclosed to the other parties to the hearing.

You are also advised that the form information may be subject to an access request under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* ("FOIPOP") and may, as a result, be released unless the information is exempt from disclosure under FOIPOP.

Please refer to the *Aquaculture Licence and Lease Regulations*, s.23 (attached) for more information on Intervenor Status Requests.

Application

Please read the entire application before responding. (Print clearly or type).

1. Please identify the aquaculture lease application that you are requesting intervenor status for:

Lease Number: Hearing Date:

2. Name of Applicant:

3. Civic Address:

4. Mailing Address:
(if different than above)

5. Phone Number(s):

Home: , Cell:

6. Email Address*:

7. Preferred method of communication: ☒ email* ☐ Mail ☐ Other: _____

*Unless otherwise notified, email will be the preferred method of communication

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8. Specifically describe how the proposed aquaculture activities may substantially and directly affect you:

I have been a property owner on the west side of Liverpool Bay in the community of Mersey Point for over 35 years. My wife and I built our home and raised our children on our 7 1/2 acre oceanfront property, which directly overlooks the proposed open pen fish farm site #1433.

As a busy practicing dentist and business owner, my home and the unrestricted 180 degree view of the ocean is my sanctuary and has been a valuable source of relaxation from an increasingly stressful profession. I am very concerned that the proposed large scale industrial fish farm, which will include a large "feeder barge" moored in front of my home with generators which run 24/7 will most certainly result in both visual and acoustic pollution (in addition to organic waste), which would destroy the peace and quiet we have enjoyed most of our lives. The negative impact would also undoubtedly affect the value of our property which we have meticulously developed and maintained for decades. We built this home on raw land, custom designed to feature the ocean views, inside and out. Over 3 decades we have invested in enhancing the house and landscaping to optimize the views, ultimately with the goal of enjoying it in our retirement years.

Another significant concern is the negative impact an industrial development of this size will have on my ability to recruit qualified employees and ultimately my ability to selling my practice/business as I approach retirement. It is no secret that human resources has been a significant challenge in recent years, especially in rural Nova Scotia. This is apparent in my practice and it's a major problem for our local hospital. I am a trustee on the Queens General Hospital Foundation, and both the Foundation and succession planning for my practice both depend upon the lifestyle and pristine oceanfront beauty to appeal to healthcare professionals. I am very concerned that the presence of 120 hectares of open fish pens will negatively impact recruitment for not only the practice but the community at large.

9. Describe your existing uses, if any, of the proposed lease site, and state whether the identified uses are recreational or commercial:

As an oceanfront property owner my family and I have enjoyed the tranquil beauty for many years. We regularly walk the shoreline and myself and my children enjoy swimming in the waters in front of our home.

I have been a member of the Brooklyn Marina and a boat owner for almost 25 years. Myself and fellow recreational boaters are very concerned about the negative impact of the physical presence of the new 40 hectare sites proposed for both the west and east side of the harbour.

The proposed site, #1433, is on the west side of Liverpool Bay . It is well known locally the west side of the harbour is in the lee of prevailing winds and therefore a very common navigational pathway for recreational boaters and a common place for boaters to moor, fish for mackerel and relax. The presence of the proposed fish farm and its numerous marker buoys would directly impact recreational boaters and their safety especially when returning to the harbour in darkness.

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10. Describe your existing uses, if any, of the area surrounding the proposed lease site, and state whether the identified uses are recreational or commercial:

My family's use of the area surrounding the proposed site is personal recreation not commercial. Our home and property were acquired and constructed 35 years ago and we have enjoyed the panoramic view, the privacy and the peace and quiet which we hope continues. I have already mentioned our regular use of the shoreline for walks and swims and the fact that the physical presence of the fish farm would obstruct my ability to continue to enjoy recreational boating and kayaking in the area.

11. Please provide any other information which you consider relevant to your application for intervenor status including any affiliations, if any:

My family has lived in this area for generations and has contributed much to the community, its culture and heritage as well. There is a local library and a provincial park named after the Raddall family and we have contributed to this community and community organizations in a significant way as donors, as professionals and as volunteers for many decades, so we are understandably concerned about the introduction of a large scale industry in our pristine bay and the potential ramifications it could have on the socioeconomic viability of our community. Myself and members of my family have worked very hard to ensure that our community is vibrant, welcoming, attractive and successful, especially since the demise of a major employer, Bowater Mersey Paper Company.

My dental practice, and indeed the entire region, has experienced significant growth and palpable excitement for the future is evident. I am very concerned that this proposal will negatively impact the growth and marketability of my business and the ability of the organizations I am involved with to promote our area as a pristine oceanfront sanctuary. My fear is that our reputation as a pristine oceanfront destination with beautiful vistas and beaches will be tarnished for many years to come.

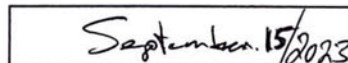
I would welcome the opportunity to elaborate on these issues in person.

12. Declaration

By signing and submitting this form, I acknowledge that I have read, understand and accept the above statements regarding the collection, use, and disclosure of the personal information provided on this form. I also hereby certify that the information provided on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.



Signature of Applicant



Date

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Notice Date: _____

Date Received: _____

Decision: ☐ Approved ☐ Denied

Applicant Notification Sent: _____

Decision Date: _____

Decision Notes: _____

Notification to Parties Sent: _____

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