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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).**

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

Lease Number: Hearing Date:

- Name of Applicant:

- Civic Address:
PID#

- Mailing Address:
(if different than above)

- Phone Number(s):

- Email Address*:

- 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:

In January 2023, my husband and I purchased lot [REDACTED] I grew up in Liverpool and we decided we would retire here. At that time, we were unaware that in 2018, an application for expansion of the salmon aquaculture site had been submitted.

We are appalled to discover that the application was coming up for review in 2024. Presently, we are disturbed by the existing site of the fin-fish aquaculture (AQ#1205X) and seriously concerned, as well as upset, that it could expand.

Factors to be considered:

We spend time daily on our waterfront, enjoying the porpoises, seals, and waterfowl that utilize these waters. We are seriously concerned with the impact to these animals let alone the ones we cannot see that live in the bay. Fish farms cause significant pollution, endangering native species..

When we are on our waterfront, we witness indigenous people fishing a moderate livelihood and are concerned for them, due to the application for expansion.

If we are on our waterfront daily, there will be noise pollution, odors, and debris from the equipment. Our quality of life will be seriously reduced.

Our property will be considerably negatively impacted in terms of its resale value should a fin fish aquaculture expansion be approved.

With the increase in hurricane activity as a result of climate change is real, there is a high level of risk, that, on an annual basis, the fish farms will sustain damage. The fin fish would escape or die, causing environmental concerns and native species risk. If there is a fish die-off, who will clean this up as well as solve the smell of rotten fish?

Our plan for the property is to build our retirement home, and to convert the existing structure on the property to short term rental units. Beyond generating retirement income from the property, these units will also contribute to the tourism and hospitality sector for the Liverpool area. Tourists come to Queens for its natural beauty, not mega fish farms dominating the vista.

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

Our use of the proposed site is recreational.

Kayaking - this area will impact our recreational use of the waters (re: our public right of navigation).

Swimming - we will not use the waters for swimming if there is a mega fin fish site close by. We feel the water will be contaminated and unsafe.

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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:

Same as question 8 (above)

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

We are professionals who work in Halifax and New York, USA. Americans' perception of Nova Scotia is that we have pristine lands and waters. If you were to look at a New York restaurant menu, it has NS lobster - not Maine lobster. American tourists would be stunned to know that NS allows its waters to be destroyed by fin fish ocean aquaculture.

When we have guests on our property, we spend time at our waterfront. When they look out at the existing fish farm, they are shocked that such an industry exists. We have not entertained a single person who has a positive perception of Cooke Aquaculture or its subsidiaries.

Significant commercial and residential opposition exists toward the expansion. We expect the board to respect the wishes of the constituents of Queens. There is no local support for the expansion, regardless of how the application has been spun. Mega fish farms are in the business to make money, regardless of how the population feels of their presence.

Feeding the doubled world demand, quoted in their application, can be accomplished with land-based, safe production that does not endanger the environment. Land-based fish production contributes to the economy, without the significant environmental consequences of ocean-based mega fin fish farms.

Our family buys only land-based raised salmon (Sustainable Blue). We do not consume farmed salmon from vulnerable ocean waters.

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.

Margaret Perry

Signature of Applicant

2023-09-18

Date

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Notice Date: _____

Date Received: _____

Decision Date: _____

Decision: ☐ Approved ☐ Denied

Decision Notes: _____

Applicant Notification Sent: _____

Notification to Parties Sent: _____

Additional Information on Intervenor Requests

Excerpt from the Aquaculture Licence and Lease Regulations

Request for intervenor status

23 (1) *A person may request intervenor status from the Review Board.*

(2) *A request under subsection (1) must be in writing in a form determined by the Review Board and must be submitted to the Review Board no later than 10 days after the date that notice of the adjudicative hearing is published under Section 19.*

(3) *No later than 10 days after the date it receives a request for intervenor status, the Review Board must decide whether to grant or refuse the request.*

(4) *The Review Board must grant intervenor status to any person requesting it who, in the opinion of the Review Board, is substantially and directly affected by the hearing.*

(5) *A decision made by the Review Board with respect to intervenor status is final.*

(6) *No later than 5 days after deciding on a request for intervenor status, the Review Board must provide notice of its decision to the person requesting intervenor status and, if the request is granted, to each of the parties to the proceeding.*

In making decisions on intervenor request, the Board will reference the regulated factors below to determine whether the intervenor applicant is directly and substantially affected by the hearing pursuant to section 23(4) above.

Excerpt from the Aquaculture Licence and Lease Regulations

Factors to be considered in decisions related to marine aquaculture sites

3 *In making decisions related to marine aquaculture sites, the Review Board or Administrator must take all of the following factors into consideration:*

(a) the optimum use of marine resources;

(b) the contribution of the proposed operation to community and Provincial economic development;

(c) fishery activities in the public waters surrounding the proposed aquacultural operation;

(d) the oceanographic and biophysical characteristics of the public waters surrounding the proposed aquacultural operation;

(e) the other users of the public waters surrounding the proposed aquacultural operation;

(f) the public right of navigation;

(g) the sustainability of wild salmon;

(h) the number and productivity of other aquaculture sites in the public waters surrounding the proposed aquacultural operation;

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Signature

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