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INTERVENOR STATUS APPLICATION

Instructions - download this document prior to filling it in.

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:

AQ#1205, AQ#1432, AQ#1433

Hearing Date:

Feb. 5, 2024

2. Name of Applicant:

Catherine Collins and Douglas Frantz

3. Civic Address:

Lunenburg, NS

4. Mailing Address:
(if different than above)

Lunenburg, NS

5. Phone Number(s):

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:

We are the authors of *Salmon Wars: The Dark Underbelly of Our Favourite Fish*, published by Henry Holt and Company in 2022. In addition, we live in Lunenburg, on Nova Scotia's South Shore.

Before I continue, I would like to note that we are both Canadians. Catherine was born in Cape Breton. Doug was thrilled recently to acquire Canadian citizenship.

Between us, we have 70 years of research and investigative experience. We have worked for some of the largest and most influential newspapers in North America, before Doug went to the US State Department as assistant secretary of state and then to the OECD as the deputy secretary general. Catherine left newspapers to work for an international private investigative firm, mostly in the US and Europe, on a single, large international fraud case.

Although we do not live within site of the Kelly Cove Salmon farm in Liverpool Bay, we are a coastal community and we believe that the ocean belongs to all of us, not one particular private company.

While we know that argument does not hold water with provincial officials, we base our request to be included as intervenors on this fact -- that as investigators we can attest to the historic and world-wide business practices of this company, Cooke Aquaculture. See below for more details on our findings.

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

N/A

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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:

N/A

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

As part of our request to be recognized as intervenors in this process, we **will** leave the science to the scientists, the environmental and health impacts to the academics, and the economic impacts to local fishers and residents. Instead, we would like to present the details of our investigation for our book to ask the question: Should the province put the future of its coastal livelihood in the hands of this company? We **will** base our answers on court records, litigation documents, regulatory documents, and interviews.

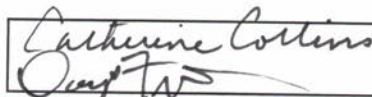
*On April 26, 2013, Cooke Aquaculture subsidiary Kelly Cove Salmon pleaded guilty to two counts of using a banned neurotoxin to combat sea lice at 15 of its open-net pen salmon farms in the Bay of Fundy. The pesticide, cypermethrin, was smuggled into New Brunswick from Maine, according to court records. Kelly Cove paid a fine of \$500,000, one of the largest environmental fines in Canadian history.

* On August 19, 2017, a Cooke Aquaculture open-net pen salmon farm in Puget Sound off the coast of Washington State collapsed. Roughly 250,000 alien Atlantic salmon were released into waters containing endangered Pacific salmon. The company blamed the incident on natural causes, including a solar eclipse. But an investigation by three Washington State agencies concluded that the entire farm had broken apart because it had not been properly maintained by Cooke. The pens were fouled with impenetrable layers of mussels, kelp, and other marine growth. The company was fined USD \$332,000 and some of its leases were cancelled.

* In August 2021, more than 100,000 fish died at two Cooke open-net salmon pens near Bar Harbor, Maine. The company **failed** to report the die-off to the State of Maine for 11 days. During those 11 days, government emails show, the company cleaned the nets at the farms. The company blamed the deaths on low oxygen levels in the cages but offered no explanation for why the levels were lethally low. The delay raised the question of whether dirty nets, similar to those responsible for the Washington State farm collapse, contributed to the die-off.

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

19-Sep-2023

Date

HOW TO SEND YOUR APPLICATION TO THE BOARD:

Upon completing the application form, you have two choices on how to submit your application to the Board.

- To send this document electronically after filling in the form, either click on the **"Send Via Email"** button OR click on this link to save it and open an email for you to attach it to.
- To print the document on your printer and send via Canada Post or courier, select the **"PRINT"** button .

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