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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).**

- 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):

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 am a long-time resident of Queens County with deep respect for the area's coastline and beaches. Having spent much of my childhood at Beach Meadows Beach, the view is a meaningful and valuable memory for me. That view is already sullied by the unsightly presence of the fish farm. I have had number conversations with tourists visiting the beach, during which they asked me to explain how locals could have let that happen to such a beautiful, otherwise pristine location. They are diappointed, and I am disappointed. Beach Meadows is an asset to the region and a source of pride for me. I no longer feel like I can be proud to bring visitors there, and I am reluctant to go in the water myself due to the close proximity of this level of industry. I also worry about events like hurricanes, knowing that even the most prepared industries cannot withstand winds and waves like Hurricane Lee presented.

The existence of these fish farms and proposed expansion are a direct threat to my health and well-being. Beach Meadows is no longer a tranquil, safe space for recreation and connection to nature. As a homeowner, I know the value of my property will diminish.

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

Recreational, and healthy lifestyle.

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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:

Weekly walks, sharing with visitors from away, meditation, swimming, sunbathing, and relaxation.

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

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.

Beth Bowers

Signature of Applicant

September 19, 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 .

**Send Via Email**

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## **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;*