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Nova Scotia Aquaculture Review Board P.O. Box 2223 Halifax, NS B3J 3C4

Dear Nova Scotia Aquaculture Review Board:

Re: Application for New Marine Shellfish Licence/Lease AQ#1448, C&G Aquaculture, Merigomish Harbour, Pictou County, Nova Scotia

Following the Option to Lease period for Option AQ#4015, Alex Bouchie of C&G Aquaculture, applied to the Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture for a marine shellfish licence and lease, per section 11 of the *Aquaculture Licence and Lease Regulations*.

Please accept this submission as a referral under section 49(a) of the *Fisheries and Coastal Resources Act* for decision on the aforementioned application for a marine shellfish licence and lease.

Pursuant to section 47(2) of the *Fisheries and Coastal Resources Act*, you will find the following contained within this submission and on the external hard drive:

- I. a completed application; and
- II. a report on the outcomes of the consultations.

Also included within this package you will find an external hard drive which includes the aforementioned documents and supporting application videos and raw salinity and temperature data.

Please direct any future correspondence to the Department's legal counsel, Caitlin Menczel-O'Neill at <u>Caitlin.Menczel-ONeill@novascotia.ca</u> and Alison Campbell at <u>Alison.Campbell@novascotia.ca</u>.

Thank you for your consideration of this application and I look forward to your decision.

Yours sincerely

Honourable Kent Smith, E.C.N.S.