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April 22, 2021

Nova Scotia Aquaculture Review Board
6th Floor, World Trade and Convention Center
1800 Argyle Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3J 2R5

Dear Board members:

**Re: Request to Participate in the Aquaculture Review Board Hearing regarding
Kelly Cove Salmon Boundary Amendment – Lease AQ#1039**

This letter is to request the opportunity to participate by making a sworn oral statement at the Aquaculture Review Board hearing (May 10-13, 2021) regarding the boundary amendment application by Kelly Cove Salmon for lease # AQ1039.

This request is made pursuant to section 32 of the *Aquaculture License and Lease Regulations*.

My name is Thomas Smith. I reside at [REDACTED], Dartmouth, NS, [REDACTED]

My oral statement relates to the following regulated factor set out in section 3 of the Nova Scotia Aquaculture Lease and License Regulations:

- **“contribution of the proposed operation to community and Provincial economic development”**

I am the Executive Director of the Aquaculture Association of Nova Scotia. The Aquaculture Association of Nova Scotia was established in 1977. Our mission is to support the production of quality farmed seafood in the cool, clear waters of Nova Scotia, creating wealth based on a renewable resource.

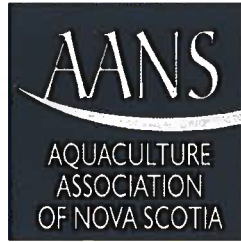
Currently, the Aquaculture Association of Nova Scotia has over 160 members and represents more than 94% of all aquaculture activity in the Province of Nova Scotia. I currently serve as member of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Aquaculture Industry Alliance and represent the Nova Scotia Aquaculture Industry on the Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture Minister’s Aquaculture Advisory Committee.

Cooke Aquaculture (Kelly Cove Salmon) is a member in good standing with the Aquaculture Association of Nova Scotia, are represented on the Board of Directors of the AANS and Kelly Cove Salmon is a significant contributor to the economy of Nova Scotia through their marine finfish operation (13 current marine sites), regional head office/central feeding station, Bridgewater, NS, industry best-in-class fisheries feed mill, Truro, NS, and proposed post-smolt salmon facility, Centerville, NS.

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Cooke Aquaculture/Kelly Cove Salmon is an active contributor to the positive socioeconomic development of Nova Scotia by supporting the work of the Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture through active participation in the NS fisheries/aquaculture Minister's Aquaculture Advisory Committee, the NS Department of Fisheries/ Aquaculture Salmon Traceability Committee, and the Medway River Salmon Association restoration project. In addition, Kelly Cove Salmon is an active partner with Waycobah First Nations marine trout farming operations, offering support and resources to build a better future for First Nations involvement in aquaculture development in Nova Scotia.

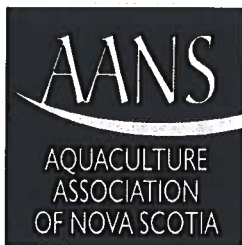
If afforded the opportunity to participate, I will elaborate further on these points. I will confine my testimony to less than 6 minutes.

I am requesting the opportunity to make my presentation at the upcoming Aquaculture Review Board hearing on May 10-13, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Smith, Executive Director

Aquaculture Association of Nova Scotia



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From: [Wendy Watson Smith](#)
To: [Aquaculture Review Board](#)
Subject: Request to make a sworn oral statement re: site #1039
Date: April 23, 2021 1:38:25 PM

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Name: Wendy Watson Smith

Address: [REDACTED], Tangier, NS [REDACTED]

Phone number: [REDACTED]

I would like to speak to the following Factors:

- #1. Optimum use of Marine Resources
- #3 Fishery Activities in the Public Waters surrounding the proposed Aquaculture Operation
- #5 The other users of the Public Waters surrounding the proposed Aquaculture Operation

Thank you
Wendy Watson Smith

From: [Gwen Wilson](#)
To: [Aquaculture Review Board](#)
Subject: Re: Site#1039, Rattling Beach: Request to make a sworn oral statement
Date: April 26, 2021 4:14:40 PM

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To: Nova Scotia Aquaculture and Review Board

Name: Gwen Wilson

Address: [REDACTED], Sandy Cove, Digby Neck

Phone: [REDACTED]

I would like to address the following in an oral statement:

From Section 3 of the Aquaculture Licence and Lease Regulations

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

- Regarding social license and the lack of community input at appropriate times in reference to the regulations

(g) the sustainability of wild salmon

- Regarding the presence of wild salmon in the area