

NOVA SCOTIA AQUACULTURE REVIEW BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Nova Scotia Aquaculture Review Board will hold a public hearing on an application referred by the Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture pursuant to the *Fisheries and Coastal Resources Act* and the Aquaculture Licence and Lease Regulations.

The application by **C&G AQUACULTURE** for a **NEW MARINE AQUACULTURE LICENCE and LEASE** for **SUSPENDED, BOTTOM CULTURE WITH GEAR, and BOTTOM CULTURE WITHOUT GEAR** of **AMERICAN OYSTER (*Crassostrea virginica*), BAY SCALLOP (*Argopecten irradians*), QUAHOG (*Mercenaria mercenaria*), and RAZOR CLAM (*Ensis directus*) - AQ#1448** in **MERIGOMISH HARBOUR, PICTOU COUNTY** is available for public viewing on the Board website at <https://arb.novascotia.ca/hearings> or by contacting the Clerk of the Board via email (aquaculture.board@novascotia.ca), or by calling 902-722-1426 (*voice mail service only*).

HEARING COMMENCES: November 25, 2024
9:00 am
Continuing: to November 29, 2024 (if necessary)

LOCATION: Pictou County Wellness Centre
2-2756 Westville Rd, Westville Road, NS B2H 5C6

How to Participate

The following procedural information outlines the two options for how members of the general public may participate. It also outlines the procedures and criteria for intervenor status in matters that come before the Board.

A) Members of the general public wishing to participate at an adjudicative hearing may do so in one of the two (2) options available:

- **Option 1:** You may submit a **maximum 5-page** written statement to the Clerk of the Board by **16h30 on November 4th, 2024**.
- **Option 2:** You may request, by **16h30 on NOVEMBER 4th, 2024**, to make a **maximum 6 minute** sworn oral statement or affirmation in-person at the hearing.

While members of the general public have two options to consider in deciding how to take part in a proceeding, **they may only participate once** (by a written statement or by way of an oral statement or affirmation). **They may not also apply for and participate as a formal intervenor.**

To be considered by the Board, all written comments or requests to make a sworn oral statement or affirmation submitted to the Board **MUST INCLUDE, AT A MINIMUM, ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:**

- a) Full name;
- b) Place of residence (civic address); and
- c) The application about which comment is being provided and how the comment relates to one or more of the factors set out in section 3 of the Aquaculture Licence and Lease Regulations

B) Formal Intervenors

An intervenor is a person or group who wishes to fully participate in the hearing, including presenting evidence and/or cross-examining witnesses.

- You may request formal standing as an Intervenor, subject to Board approval. This will allow you to present evidence and question witnesses. Your request must be received by the Board by **16h30 on SEPTEMBER 11th, 2024**, and, if approved, intervenors intending to present written, visual or electronic evidence must provide that evidence as directed under [Rule 6 of the Rules of Procedure Respecting Adjudicative Hearings](#), to the Board by **16h30 on NOVEMBER 4th, 2024**.
- Individuals may not submit an individual application and then also be part of a group application for intervenor status.
- If an individual or group is granted intervenor status, **they may not also participate as a member of the general public by submitting a written statement or by requesting to present an oral statement.**

The application for intervenor status can be found here:

https://arb.novascotia.ca/sites/default/files/arb_intervenor_status_application_july_2024.pdf

Additional information on how to participate as a member of the public at a hearing or how to apply as an intervenor can be found on the Board's website at <https://arb.novascotia.ca/how-participate> or by contacting the Clerk of the Board.

To be considered, all submissions to the Board must meet the guidelines outlined in [Rule 6 and Rules 10 to 13](#), of the Board Rules of Procedures <https://arb.novascotia.ca/rules-procedure-and-policies> and may be filed as follows:

By Mail to: Clerk of the Nova Scotia Aquaculture Review Board
60 Research Drive, Bible Hill, NS B6L 2R2

By Email to: Aquaculture.Board@novascotia.ca

Submissions made to the Board as part of the public hearing process may be posted on the Board's website. Information provided to the Board is subject to the protections and disclosures required by the Nova Scotia *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. By submitting your comments, you are consenting to the posting of your comments on the Board website.