

# Participating as a member of the public at a Nova Scotia Aquaculture Review Board hearing

Members of the public wishing to participate in matters that come before the Nova Scotia Aquaculture Review Board may do so by submitting a request for intervenor status at a public hearing, submitting written comments or submitting a request to make an oral statement. For information on how submissions related to public hearings will be handled, please refer to the privacy policy on the Nova Scotia Aquaculture Review Board website.

*Submissions on a specific application will not be accepted until a notice of public hearing has been published.*

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## How can I become an intervenor at a public hearing?

To be granted intervenor status at a hearing, an intervenor applicant must clearly demonstrate that they are substantially and directly affected by a specific site application.

You may request intervenor status at a hearing by completing an Intervenor Status Application, which can be found on the Board's website and submitting it no later than ten (10) calendar days after the date that the notice of the hearing is published.

The Board will reference the regulated factors as set out in section 3 of the Aquaculture Licence and Lease Regulations when deciding on intervenor status. If it is not clearly demonstrated that the intervenor applicant will be substantially and directly affected by the decision, the Board may choose to rule against the application. A decision made by the Board with respect to intervenor status is final.

## How can I make a submission on an application?

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

1. Submit a written comment to the Board;
2. Submit a written request to make a sworn oral statement or an affirmation at the hearing.

Both types of submissions must be filed with the Board no later than fifteen (15) calendar days before the date of the hearing.

When deciding on an application, the Board will only consider submissions that are specific to the aquaculture application before the Board.

## How can a member of the public submit a written comment to the Nova Scotia Aquaculture Review Board ?

Members of the public can submit a written comment to the Board concerning the aquaculture application that is the subject of the Board's hearing. At a minimum, a member of the public must include:

1. Their full name;
2. Their place of residence (civic address); and
3. The application about which they would like to provide comment and how the comment relates to one (1) or more of the factors set out in section 3 of the Aquaculture Licence and Lease Regulations

## What should a member of the public do if they wish to make a sworn oral statement or affirmation?

A member of the public must submit a written request to the Board including, at a minimum, the following information:

1. Their full name;
2. Their place of residence (civic address); and
3. The application about which they would like to provide a sworn oral statement or affirmation and how the sworn oral statement or affirmation relates to one (1) or more of the factors set out in section 3 of the Aquaculture Licence and Lease Regulations

Oral testimony given by a member of the public at an adjudicative hearing will be limited to six (6) minutes per person and must be in relation to one or more of the regulated factors set out in section 3 of the Aquaculture Lease and License Regulations.

The Board may limit a sworn oral statement or affirmation if it does not meet the criteria or if it is unduly repetitious.

For complete information on the Nova Scotia Aquaculture Review Board processes please visit [arb.novascotia.ca](http://arb.novascotia.ca).