

## *Findings and Decision - Renewal Application of Scott and Joyce Brown for AQ#1111*

### **1. Overview:**

On November 29, 2018, the Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture (NSDFA) received an application from Scott and Joyce Brown to renew Aquaculture Licence and Lease #1111 (AQ#1111), as described below:

Table 1. Description of Aquaculture Licence and Lease #1111

<b>Type:</b> Marine	<b>Size:</b> 6.20 HA
<b>Number:</b> AQ#1111	<b>Cultivation Method:</b> Bottom shellfish without gear
<b>Applicant:</b> Ronald S. and Joyce Brown	<b>Species:</b> American oyster
<b>Location:</b> North Harbour, Victoria County	<b>Proposed Term:</b> 10 year Licence/20 year Lease

### **2. History**

AQ#1111 was first issued on June 8, 1999 for a 10 year term (June 8, 1999 to June 8, 2009).

AQ#1111 was renewed on July 21, 2009 for a 5 year term (June 8, 2009 to June 7, 2014).

AQ#1111 was renewed on May 1, 2014 for a 5 year term (June 7, 2014 to June 7, 2019).

### **3. Procedure**

#### *3.1 Performance Review*

A performance review of the information submitted by the operator in support of their renewal application was completed. This review recommended that the site be renewed based on the technical and biological assessment. This performance review is required pursuant to Subsection 72(c) of the Aquaculture Licence and Lease Regulations, and was completed on June 5, 2019.

#### *3.2 Public Comment Period*

Notice of the application for the renewal of AQ#1111 for the 30-day public comment period was published on NSDFA's website (<http://novascotia.ca/fish/aquaculture/public-information/>) for the period of February 7, 2019 to March 8, 2019. Notice of the application was also published in the Royal Gazette Part I on February 6, 13, 20, 27 and March 6, 2019.

#### *3.3 Submissions*

Zero submissions were received by NSDFA during the 30-day public comment period.

### **3. Factors to be considered**

AQ#1111 is located in waters which are MSX positive; however, review of the file indicates consistent and meaningful production and employment in recent years. The renewal plan indicates continued production is planned for this site, which will continue to provide

- c) Display "PRIV" in black, on opposite sides of each buoy;
- d) At 1 corner buoy, display in black, the licence/lease number, licence holder's name and contact phone number.

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*June 5, 2019*

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