

**APPLICATION UNDER REVIEW NOTICE (Update)**

The Department has received applications from We’koqma’q First Nation for two new marine aquaculture sites and a boundary amendment to an existing marine aquaculture site. The applications were received within *Option to Lease (“Scoping”)* period, during which We’koqma’q First Nation collected information to support their applications.

Boundary Amendment	
<b>Applicant:</b> We’koqma’q First Nation	<b>Species:</b> Atlantic salmon, Rainbow trout
<b>Option Location:</b> Whycomomagh Bay, Inverness County	<b>Method of Cultivation:</b> Marine cage cultivation
<b>Aquaculture Site:</b> AQ#0814	<b>Application Received:</b> March 5, 2019

New Application	
<b>Applicant:</b> We’koqma’q First Nation	<b>Species:</b> Rainbow trout
<b>Option Location:</b> Whycomomagh Bay, Inverness County	<b>Method of Cultivation:</b> Marine cage cultivation
<b>Application Number:</b> AQ#1430	<b>Application Received:</b> March 5, 2019

New Application	
<b>Applicant:</b> We’koqma’q First Nation	<b>Species:</b> Rainbow trout
<b>Option Location:</b> Whycomomagh Bay, Inverness County	<b>Method of Cultivation:</b> Marine cage cultivation
<b>Application Number:</b> AQ#1431	<b>Application Received:</b> March 5, 2019

The applications are under review by the Department and other relevant provincial and federal departments and agencies. As part of the review, maps of the proposed locations have been developed and posted on the Department’s interactive Aquaculture Site Mapping Tool, located at <https://novascotia.ca/fish/aquaculture/site-mapping-tool/>. Following the review phase, complete applications will be referred to the Nova Scotia Aquaculture Review Board (NSARB). The NSARB provides an opportunity for members of the public to participate in the public hearing process. Notification of the date of the public hearing will be made through the Department’s website. The NSARB will issue a decision on the applications and the decision will be posted on the Department’s website.

To learn more about the the marine aquaculture lease and license application process, please visit <https://novascotia.ca/fish/aquaculture/licensing-leasing/Aqua-Licensing-and-Leasing-Overview.pdf>

For information on the Nova Scotia Aquaculture Review Board, please visit <https://arb.novascotia.ca/>