

## Aquaculture Regulatory Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor World Trade and Convention Center  
Halifax, Nova Scotia  
Wednesday, July 22, 2015  
9:00 am – 11:00 am

### **Attendance**

#### NSDFA:

Honorable Keith Colwell, Minister  
Mr. Mark MacPhail, Executive Assistant to the Minister  
Mr. Kim MacNeil, Deputy Minister  
Mr. Bruce Osborne, Executive Director  
Mr. Bruce Hancock, Director of Aquaculture  
Dr. Vicki Swan, Manager of Aquaculture Development  
Mr. Brennan Goreham, Manager of Leasing and Licencing  
Dr. Roland Cusack, Provincial Fish Health Veterinarian  
Mr. Ian McIsaac, Legislative Development Officer

#### Committee Members:

In attendance: Mr. Lloyd Robicheau, LFA 32 Lobster fisherman  
Ms. Nell Halse, Vice President of Communications, Cooke Aquaculture  
Mr. Tom Smith, Executive Director, Aquaculture Association of Nova Scotia  
Mr. Raymond Plourd, Wilderness Coordinator, Ecology Action Centre  
Mr. Paul Budreski, President, AquaDelights Seafood Limited  
Mr. Bernie Berry, LFA 34 Lobster fisherman/President of Coldwater Lobster Association  
Mr. Carl Purcell, Nova Scotia Salmon Association

Phone in: Mr. Bruce Morrison, Warden, Municipality of the County of Victoria

Regrets: Dr. David Gray, Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture at Dalhousie University  
Chief Terry Paul, Membertou First Nation and Fisheries Portfolio lead for the  
Assembly of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq Chiefs  
Mr. Henry Demone, Chairman of the Board, High Liner Foods  
Mr. Edgar Samson, President, Premium Seafood Group  
Ms. Lisa Dahr, Manager of Professional Development and Industry Relations Nova  
Scotia Tourism Human Resources Council  
Mr. Christopher Clark, Mayor, Region of Queens Municipality

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Minister Colwell chaired the meeting and welcomed the panel members.

The committee discussed communication of the draft regulations within their respective organizations and how this may be achieved while adhering to the confidentiality required at this stage of the regulation process. The committee agreed to review plain language text of the draft regulations, prepared by the Department, which would be available for public release. The discussion of the draft regulations within their representative organizations was discussed at length by members. Members were advised not to

discuss the draft regulations within their organizations, as the Committee was selected to enable broad representation with individuals with specific expertise. Communication with media and external organizations was also discussed, and a press release announcing the establishment of the committee and summarizing the aims of the committee's work will be prepared and circulated for review.

The committee presented their initial feedback following the review of the draft regulations. Departmental representatives provided clarification and more information as required. The Department will review the feedback received and present responses, information, and any proposed changes to the draft regulations at the next committee meeting.

Panel members were offered the opportunity to further review, and provide additional feedback regarding, the draft Regulations in detail prior to the next meeting scheduled for August 2015.

Two potential dates in August were identified for the next meeting, Department staff will poll the committee for their availability and update the members on the final meeting date when it is established.

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