

FISHERIES/AQUACULTURE--Committee Providing Advice to Government

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The provincial government has formed a committee of community, First Nations, industry and municipal government representatives to provide advice on regulating aquaculture in Nova Scotia.

The 13-member advisory committee is providing input to Fisheries and Aquaculture Minister Keith Colwell.

"I want to thank the members of the committee for agreeing to offer their advice and experience as we develop a world class set of regulations for aquaculture in Nova Scotia," said Mr. Colwell. "With their input to the regulations being drafted we can ensure the industry develops in a way that balances economic opportunities with protection of the environment."

The committee members are:

- Bernie Berry, Coldwater Lobster Association, Yarmouth
- Paul Budreski, Aqua Delights Seafood Ltd., Halifax
- Christopher Clarke, Mayor, Region of Queens Municipality
- Lisa Dahr, Tourism industry Association of Nova Scotia, Halifax
- Dr. David Gray, Dalhousie University Faculty of Agriculture, Truro
- Nell Halse, Cooke Aquaculture, St. George, New Brunswick
- Bruce Morrison, Warden, Municipality of the County of Victoria
- Chief Terrance Paul, Membertou First Nation
- Raymond Plourde, Ecology Action Centre, Halifax
- Carl Purcell, Nova Scotia Salmon Association, Chester
- Lloyd Robicheau, Lobster Harvester, Lobster Fishing Area 32, Three Fathom Harbour
- Edgar Samson, Premium Seafoods Group, Arichat
- Tom Smith, Aquaculture Association of Nova Scotia, Halifax

The committee, co-chaired by Mr. Colwell and Chief Paul, will continue to provide advice as implementation of aquaculture regulations proceeds.

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