

Aquaculture Regulatory Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

Membertou Trade and Convention Center
Membertou, Nova Scotia
May 27, 2016

Province of Nova Scotia:

Present:

Honourable Keith Colwell, Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture
Mark MacPhail, Executive Assistant to the Minister
Bruce Hancock, Director of Aquaculture
Brennan Goreham, Manager of Licensing and Leasing
Dr. Roland Cusack, Chief Aquatic Animal Health Veterinarian
Dr. Vicki Savoie-Swan, Manager of Aquaculture Development

Committee Members:

Present:

Chief Terry Paul, Membertou First Nation and Fisheries Portfolio lead for the Assembly of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq Chiefs
Tom Smith, Executive Director, Aquaculture Association of Nova Scotia
Raymond Plourd, Wilderness Coordinator, Ecology Action Centre
Bruce Morrison, Warden, Municipality of the County of Victoria
David Gray, Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture at Dalhousie University

Phone in:

Christopher Clark, Mayor, Region of Queens Municipality

Regrets:

Bernie Berry, Coldwater Lobster Association, Yarmouth
Carl Purcell, Nova Scotia Salmon Association
Lloyd Robicheau, Lobster harvester (LFA 32), Three Fathom Harbour
Nell Halse, Cooke Aquaculture
Paul Budreski, President, AquaDelights Seafood Limited
Edgar Samson, President, Premium Seafood Group
Lisa Dahr, Tourism Industry Association of Nova Scotia, Halifax Regional Municipality

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Chief Terry Paul opened the meeting by welcoming members to Membertou First Nation. Roundtable introductions were also made.

Members discussed the need for all members of the Committee to be present at meetings as much as possible. Several regrets for attendance were communicated to the committee, due to unforeseen personal conflicts.

Draft summaries of the August Committee Meeting Minutes were reviewed and approved.

Bruce Hancock provided an update on implementation of new regulatory framework. Committee members discussed several aspects of the framework and the reflection of feedback received by the committee seen in adjustments made to initial regulation drafts.

Aquaculture compliance and enforcement

Tom Smith provided an update on the progress and meetings of the Nova Scotia Aquaculture Salmon Traceability Advisory Committee. He indicated that further advice was being sought by relevant experts on different traceability techniques considered by the committee.

Minister Colwell presented the Province's aquaculture development plans relating to the timeline and details of new marine applications that would be considered under initial implementation of the new regulatory framework.

Dr. Swan presented research and development funding information regarding the Department's new aquaculture research funds. The fund will support research relating to three areas of focus; advanced planning for aquaculture development, aquaculture and ecosystem interactions and industry growth and innovation.

Members of the Nova Scotia Aquaculture Science Advisory Committee joined the regulatory advisory committee meeting and discussed their respective backgrounds and areas of expertise.

The timeline for the next meeting of the regulatory advisory committee was discussed and November 2016 was decided upon.