

## **Aquaculture Regulatory Advisory Committee Meeting Summary**

Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor World Trade and Convention Center  
Halifax, Nova Scotia  
November 23, 2016

### **Province of Nova Scotia:**

#### *Present:*

Honourable Keith Colwell, Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture  
Mark MacPhail, Executive Assistant to Minister  
Bruce Hancock, Director of Aquaculture  
Brennan Goreham, Manager of Licensing and Leasing

### **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  
Bruce Morrison, Warden, Municipality of the County of Victoria  
Paul Budreski, AquaDelights Seafoods Limited  
Carl Purcell, Nova Scotia Salmon Association and Chair of the Nova Scotia Salmon Traceability Advisory Committee  
Raymond Plourde, Wilderness Coordinator, Ecology Action Centre

#### *Regrets:*

Bernie Berry, Coldwater Lobster Association, Yarmouth  
Christopher Clarke, former mayor, Region of Queens Municipality  
Lisa Dahr, Manager, Tourism Industry Association of Nova Scotia, Halifax Regional Municipality  
Dr. David Gray, Dean, Dalhousie University Faculty of Agriculture  
Nell Halse, Cooke Aquaculture  
Lloyd Robicheau, Lobster harvester (LFA 32), Three Fathom Harbour  
Edgar Samson, Premium Seafoods Group, Arichat

### **Meeting Summary**

Minister Colwell opened the meeting by welcoming members to the meeting. Roundtable introductions were made.

### **Review summary notes from previous meeting**

Minister Colwell directed the attention of Committee members to the meeting summary from the May 27, 2016 meeting of the Regulatory Advisory Committee Meeting. This meeting was held at Membertou and Minister Colwell thanked Chief Paul for hosting and for the hospitality. Committee Members approved the meeting summary by consensus.

### **Update on implementation of the new regulatory framework**

#### *Nova Scotia Aquaculture Salmon Traceability Advisory Committee Update*

Carl Purcell provided an update on the activities of the Traceability Committee. There have been several meetings and a workshop conducted on this topic. The next meeting is planned for December 2016/January 2017. Tom Smith, also on the Traceability Committee, also provided his perspective on the progress of the Committee's work.

#### *Farm Management Plan Implementation*

Bruce Hancock provided an overview of the implementation of the Farm Management Plans as required by the Aquaculture Management Regulations. Discussion was held regarding the role of Nova Scotia Environment in monitoring aquaculture activities as well as other coastal activities and impacts.

#### *Aquaculture Compliance and Enforcement*

Bruce Hancock presented information on behalf of Janet MacKinnon (NSE) with respect to Inspection, Compliance, and Enforcement (ICE) Activities. A summary of training and activities to date was provided. A request will be made to NSE that a future meeting of the Regulatory Advisory Committee will be scheduled with NSE representatives to discuss these and related issues.

### **Update on New Applications**

Brennan Goreham provided an update on Licensing and Leasing activities since the implementation of the new Regulations. Numbers of administrative decisions made to date, applications under review, option proposals under review, and sites terminated were reviewed. Discussion was had regarding the various application streams and the processes involved.

### **Research and Development Funding**

Bruce Hancock provided an update on the Department's Research and Development activities to date. The three R+D streams that comprise the program, the rationale of the R+D Program, the proposal review process, numbers of applications received for 2016-17, on-going projects, and next steps were reviewed.

### **Nova Scotia Aquaculture Science Advisory Committee Members Update**

Bruce Hancock provided an update on the work of the Aquaculture Science Advisory Committee. This Committee has held several meetings and have provided valuable input to the Department with respect to science matters.

**Set Next Meeting Date**

Minister Colwell thanked Committee members for attending. Minister Colwell also highlighted a recent Beach Clean-up Initiative of the Aquaculture Association of Nova Scotia and the importance of building these types of community relationships.

NSDFA will attempt to schedule a meeting of the Committee in either December 2016 or January 2017 with representatives of NSE.