

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

Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture, 6th Floor World Trade and Convention Center

Halifax, Nova Scotia

November 27, 2019

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

### **NSDFA**

Ms. Danielle St. Louis – Acting Manager Aquaculture Operations

Mrs. Carla Buchan – Senior Corporate Policy Strategist

Mr. Robert Ceschiutti – Acting Manager of Aquaculture Operations

Mrs. Megan Greenwood – Licensing Coordinator

Dr. Roland Cusack – Aquatic Animal Health Veterinarian

Mr. Nathaniel Feindel – Manager of Aquaculture Development

Mr. Bruce Hancock – Executive Director

Ms. Shauna Williams – Executive Assistant to Minister Colwell

Mrs. Janet MacKinnon – Nova Scotia Environment - ICE

### **Committee Members**

Mr. Jeff Nickerson – Cooke Aquaculture

Mr. Paul Budreski – Aquadelights Seafood Limited

Mr. Carl Purcell – Nova Scotia Salmon Association

Mr. Tom Smith – Executive Director, Aquaculture Association of Nova Scotia

Chief Terrance Paul – Co-Chair

### **Guest:**

Dr. Gregor Reid – Director of the Centre for Marine Applied Research (CMAR)

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

Chief Paul called the meeting to order at 9:05am and welcomed members. Minister Colwell sent regrets.

The committee reviewed and approved the minutes from the June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting. The committee discussed updated aquaculture management regulations surrounding fish health and containment management processes. Members also discussed updated licensing and leasing regulations and sought clarity around experimental licenses and commercial license.

The committee went on to discuss research and development projects between DFA and DFO. A Lobster Telemetry Study started in July of 2019 to track the movement of lobster in and around aquaculture sites. Discussions on continuing this important work in the future for the benefit of ecosystems was discussed.

The committee was provided an update on Farm Management Plans, disease management as well as certificates of health for transfers of different aquaculture species.

An update on the website was provided. The committee was informed that the website will be more transparent and accessible.

Committee members received information that the department is considering future policy or regulations on antifoulants, the information supplied for land-based applications, the requirement for a public engagement component in Farm Management Plans and marine site marking requirements.

There was a discussion among committee members around mortality events in Newfoundland and how Nova Scotia's regulations are strong if events like this take place.

The committee members had closing remarks and the meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.