On January 24th, the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture received notification of a containment breach at an aquaculture site in the Southwest region of the Province that resulted in the release of rainbow trout from the facility.

As per section 34 of the Aquaculture Management Regulations, the license holder must have a third-party audit completed of their containment management plan to determine the cause of the breach and what corrective actions will be taken to prevent future breaches. This audit must be completed no later than February 24.

The department has notified the Department of Environment who is responsible for enforcement of the aquaculture regulations. Other relevant agencies have also been notified.

In keeping with a commitment to transparency, public notices are posted to the Aquaculture Laws and Regulations website at:

https://novascotia.ca/fish/aquaculture/public-information/.