

Public Notice – Breach of Containment

August 11, 2025

The Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture (the Department) received notification on July 10, 2025 from the licence holder of aquaculture site AQ#5013 in Whycocomagh Bay confirming that a known breach event of > 34,000 Rainbow Trout had occurred.

An audit of the containment management sections of the Farm Management Plan (FMP) for AQ#5013 was completed by the Department on July 8 and 9, 2025. As a result of the audit findings, the licence holder was required to submit a corrective action plan to the Department by August 5, 2025.

Any corrective actions identified as a result of the audit must be implemented by the licence holder and will be verified by the Department. Upon harvest, the licence holder will be required to provide a site inventory report to the Department to verify the number of escaped fish.

The Department has notified relevant agencies of the containment breach.

Department policy is to post a public notice to the website when 50 fish or more are known to have escaped.

In keeping with a commitment to transparency, public notices are posted to the Department's *Information for the Public* webpage:

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