

Findings and Decision- Renewal Application of Thomas W. Strickland and Brenda E. Strickland for AQ#0185

1. Overview:

On May 1, 2015, the Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture (NSDFA) received an application from Thomas W. Strickland and Brenda E. Strickland to renew Aquaculture Licence #0185 (AQ#0185), as described below:

Table 1. Description of Aquaculture Licence #0185

Type: Land Based Facility (Hatchery)	Location: Little Harbour, Pictou County
Number: AQ#0185	Species: Atlantic Salmon, Rainbow Trout, Brook Trout and Arctic Char
Applicant: Thomas W. Strickland and Brenda E. Strickland	Proposed Term: 10 year Licence

2. History

Licence AQ#0185 was first issued to Thomas W. Strickland and Brenda E. Strickland on April 20, 1990 for a ten year term (April 1, 1990 to March 31, 2000). AQ#0185 was renewed on March 23, 2001 for a five year term (March 23, 2001 to March 23, 2006). AQ#0185 was renewed on July 11, 2006 for a five year term (March 23, 2006 to March 23, 2011). AQ#0185 was renewed on February 10, 2011 for a five year term (March 23, 2011 to March 23, 2016).

3. Procedure

3.1 Performance Review

A performance review of the information submitted by the operator in support of their renewal application was completed. This review recommended that the site be renewed based on the technical and biological assessment. This performance review is required pursuant to Subsection 72(c) of the Aquaculture Licence and Lease Regulations, and was completed on October 20, 2015.

3.2 Public Comment Period

Notice of the application for the renewal of AQ#0185 for the 30-day public comment period was published on NSDFA's website (<http://novascotia.ca/fish/aquaculture/public-information/>) for the period of February 3, 2016 to March 3, 2016. Notice of the application was also published in the Royal Gazette Part I on February 3, 2016, February 10, 2016, February 17, 2016, and February 24, 2016.

3.2 Submissions

Zero submissions were received by NSDFA during the 30-day public comment period.

4. Factors to be considered

The site has demonstrated consistent levels of production and employment. The production history of the operator, and the proposed production levels for the renewed tenure, suggest that the proposed continuation of the operation is financially viable. The site has a record of compliance with respect to the Act, Regulations, guidelines, and policies of the Department. The nature in which the operator intends to continue operating the site is consistent with the Act, Regulations, licence requirements, guidelines, and policies of the Department.

The technical information submitted with respect to the renewal application indicates that the proposed continuation of the operation is technically viable. Specifically, the operator indicates that the operation will continue to operate as a recirculation system that is supplied from well water. All other aspects of the application information submitted and the subsequent review of this information supports the renewal of this application.

5. Decision

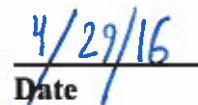
Based on the considerations above, Aquaculture Licence #0185 shall be renewed for a period of 10 years (March 23, 2016 to March 23, 2026). The Licence document shall be prepared in accordance with the standard operating documents of NSDFA, and shall be made publically available subject to the provisions of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

6. Conditions

- a) Compliance with Schedule C: *Certificate of Compliance- Atlantic Salmon Introduction Policy*
- b) Compliance with Schedule D: *Rainbow Trout Introduction Policy*
- c) Compliance with Schedule E: *Arctic Char Introduction Policy*



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