

Findings and Decision- Renewal Application of Mike Cameron for AQ#0583

1. Overview:

On March 9, 2016, the Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture (NSDFA) received an all required information from Mike Cameron to renew Aquaculture Licence #0583 (AQ#0583), as described in Table 1.

Table 1. Description of Aquaculture Licence and Lease #0583

Type: Land Based Facility	Location: MacKenzie Settlement Road, Colchester County
Number: AQ#0583	Species: Rainbow trout, Brook trout, Striped bass
Applicant: Mike Cameron	Proposed Term: 10 year Licence

2. History

AQ#0583 was first issued on July 9, 1991 for a ten year term (July 9, 1991 to June 9, 2001). AQ#0583 was renewed on August 22, 2001 for a five year term (August 22, 2001 to August 22, 2006). AQ#0583 was renewed on October 20, 2006 for a five year term (August 22, 2006 to August 22, 2011). AQ#0583 was renewed on June 20, 2011 for a five year term (March 23, 2011 to March 22, 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 March 13, 2016.

3.2 Public Comment Period

Notice of the application for the renewal of AQ#0583 for the 30-day public comment period was published on NSDFA's website (<http://novascotia.ca/fish/aquaculture/public-information/>) for the period of March 17, 2016 to April 15, 2016. Notice of the application was also published in the Royal Gazette Part I on March 16, 2016, March 23, 2016, March 30, 2016, and April 6, 2016.

3.3 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. AQ#0583 is a land-based grow-out operation, and in recent years the operators have utilized Nova Scotian facilities to process their product. The production history of the operator, and the proposed production levels for the renewed tenure, suggest that the proposed continuation of the operation is 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.

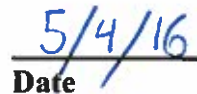
The technical information submitted with respect to the renewal application indicates that the proposed continuation of the operation is technically viable. Since issuance, the site has produced a number of species. The operation makes use of flow-through technology and has proper biosecurity protocols in place. Technical information provided suggests that the proper infrastructure is in place for the proposed method and scale of the operation. 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 #0583 shall be renewed for a period of 10 years (March 24, 2016 to March 24, 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*.



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