

## **Findings and Decision - Renewal Application of Kelly Cove Salmon Ltd. for AQ#0999**

### **1. Overview:**

On March 29, 2016, the Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture (NSDFA) received an application from Kelly Cove Salmon Ltd. to renew Aquaculture Licence #0999 (AQ#0999), as described below:

Table 1. Description of Aquaculture Licence #0999

<b>Type:</b> Landbased Hatchery	<b>Location:</b> Mink Cove, Digby County
<b>Number:</b> AQ#0999	<b>Species:</b> Atlantic salmon and Atlantic cod
<b>Applicant:</b> Kelly Cove Salmon Ltd.	<b>Proposed Term:</b> 10 year Licence

### **2. History**

AQ#0999 was first issued to Double “O” Fish Farm on February 9, 1996 for a ten year term from February 9, 1996 to February 9, 2006. AQ#0999 was assigned to Kelly Cove Salmon Ltd. on May 25, 2004. AQ#0999 was amended on July 7, 2005 to allow for the cultivation of Atlantic cod. AQ#0999 was renewed on March 15, 2007 for a five year term (February 9, 2006 to February 8, 2011). AQ#0999 was renewed on May 17, 2012 for a five year term (February 9, 2011 to February 8, 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 May 2, 2016.

#### *3.2 Public Comment Period*

Notice of the application for the renewal of AQ#0999 for the 30-day public comment period was published on NSDFA’s website (<http://novascotia.ca/fish/aquaculture/public-information/>) for the period of May 5, 2016 to June 3, 2016. Notice of the application was also published in the Royal Gazette Part I on May 4, 2016, May 11, 2016, May 18, 2016, and May 25, 2016.

#### *3.2 Submissions*

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

#### **4. Factors to be considered**

The hatchery is planned to be an important part of the company's production in Nova Scotia. 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 operation makes use of recirculation technology and effluent treatment that is appropriate for 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 #0999 shall be renewed for a period of 10 years (February 9, 2016 to February 9, 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**

N/A



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**Date**