

## Findings and Decision - Renewal Application of Mike Cameron for AQ#1036

### 1. Overview:

On August 26, 2016, the Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture (NSDFA) received an application from Mike Cameron to renew Aquaculture Licence #1036 (AQ#1036), as described below:

Table 1. Description of Aquaculture Licence #1036

<b>Type:</b> Landbased Facility (Hatchery)	<b>Location:</b> Upper North River, Colchester County
<b>Number:</b> AQ#1036	<b>Species:</b> Atlantic salmon, Rainbow trout, Brook trout, Arctic char
<b>Applicant:</b> Mike Cameron	<b>Proposed Term:</b> 10 year licence

### 2. History

AQ#1036 was first issued to Mike Cameron on February 28, 1997 for a ten year term (February 28, 1997 to February 28, 2007). AQ#1036 was amended on December 15, 2000 to authorize the cultivation of Atlantic salmon. AQ#1036 was renewed on May 12, 2008 for a five year term (February 28, 2007 to February 27, 2012). AQ#1036 was renewed on February 12, 2014 for a five year term (February 27, 2012 to February 27, 2017).

### 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 November 29, 2016.

#### *3.2 Public Comment Period*

Notice of the application for the renewal of AQ#1036 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 9, 2017 to March 10, 2017. Notice of the application was also published in the Royal Gazette Part I on February 8, 15, 22 and March 1, 2017.

#### *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#1036 is a land-based operation. 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 #1036 shall be renewed for a period of 10 years (February 27, 2017 to February 27, 2027).

The Licence documents 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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