

Findings and Decision- Renewal Application of Dartek Transport for AO#0561

1. Overview:

On March 14, 2017, the Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture (NSDFA) received an application from Dartek Transport to renew Aquaculture Licence #0561 (AQ#0561), as described below:

Table 1. Description of Aquaculture Licence #0561

Type: Land Based Finfish Facility	Number: AQ#0561
Applicant: Dartek Transport	Current Species: Atlantic salmon, Rainbow trout, and Brook trout
Location: Bailey's Brook, Pictou County	Proposed Term: 10 year Licence

2. History

AQ#0561 was first issued to Donnie MacEachern on December 2, 1992 for a ten year term (December 7, 1992 to December 7, 2002). AQ#0561 was assigned on October 24, 1994 from Donnie MacEachern to Scott D. MacEachern. AQ#0561 was amended on August 16, 1996 to be issued in the name of Liscot Contracting and Fish Hatcheries. AQ#0561 was assigned on December 1, 1998 from Liscot Contracting and Fish Hatcheries to Liscot Enterprises Incorporated. AQ#0561 was assigned on January 29, 2001 from Ernst & Young Inc. to Scotia Aqua Inc. AQ#0561 was amended on February 19, 2001 to authorize the culture of Atlantic salmon. AQ#0561 was issued to Dartek Transport on October 31, 2002 for a five year term from December 7, 2007 to December 7, 2012. AQ#0561 was renewed on May 1, 2014 for a five year term from December 7, 2012 to December 7, 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 May 3, 2017.

3.2 Public Comment Period

Notice of the application for the renewal of AQ#0561 for the 30-day public comment period was published on NSDFA's website (<http://novascotia.ca/fish/aquaculture/public-information/>) for the period of August 3, 2017 to September 1, 2017. Notice of the application was also published in the Royal Gazette Part I on August 3, August 10, August 17, August 24, August 31, 2017. Submissions were due by September 1, 2017 at 11:59PM.

3.3 Submissions

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

4. Factors to be considered

AQ#0561 is a land-based operation and 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 viable. The site has a record of compliance with respect to the Act, Regulations, 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. In recent years, the site has successfully produced both Atlantic salmon and Rainbow trout. The facility makes use of recirculation technology with water sourced from Bailey's Brook, as authorized by the Nova Scotia Department of the Environment. Technical information supplied indicates that acceptable infrastructure and procedures are in place for the method and scale of operation. All other aspects of the application information submitted and subsequent review of this information supports the renewal of this site.

5. Decision

Based on the considerations above, Aquaculture Licence #0561 shall be renewed for a period of 10 years (December 7, 2017 to December 7, 2027).

The Licence and Lease 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*.

6. Conditions

In addition, the following condition shall apply:

1. The Licence shall be renewed in the name of 'Ashcroft Equipment & Services Ltd. carrying on business under the name of 'Dartek Transport'.



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