

## **Findings and Decision- Renewal Application of Indian Point Marine Farms Ltd. for AQ#0049**

### **1. Overview:**

On August 24, 2017, the Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture (NSDFA) received an application from Indian Point Marine Farms Ltd. to renew Aquaculture Licence and Lease #0049 (AQ#0049), as described below:

Table 1. Description of Aquaculture Licence and Lease #0049.

<b>Type:</b> Marine Shellfish	<b>Current Size:</b> 14.82 HA
<b>Number:</b> AQ#0049	<b>Current Cultivation Method:</b> Suspended Shellfish Method
<b>Applicant:</b> Indian Point Marine Farms Ltd.	<b>Current Species:</b> Blue mussel, European oyster, Giant sea scallop
<b>Location:</b> Mahone Bay, Lunenburg County	<b>Proposed Term:</b> 10 year Licence/20 year Lease

### **2. History**

AQ#0049 was first issued to Indian Point Marine Farms Ltd. on March 16, 1990 for a ten year term (March 1, 1990 to February 29, 2000). AQ#0049 was renewed on February 11, 2000 for a five year term (March 1, 2000 – March 1, 2005). AQ#0049 was renewed on February 15, 2005 for a five year term (March 1, 2005 to March 1, 2010). AQ#0049 was renewed on November 2, 2010 for a five year term (March 2, 2010 to March 1, 2015). AQ#0049 was renewed on May 27, 2015 for a three year term (March 2, 2015 to March 2, 2018) and AQ#0049 was amended on October 13, 2015 to add an additional species Giant sea scallop.

### **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 September 14, 2017.

#### *3.2 Public Comment Period*

Notice of the application for the renewal of AQ#0049 for the 30-day public comment period was published on NSDFA's website (<http://novascotia.ca/fish/aquaculture/public-information/>) for the period of November 2, 2017 to November 30, 2017. Notice of the application was also published in the Royal Gazette Part I on November 2, 2017, November 9, 2017, November 16, 2017, November 23, 2017 and November 30, 2017.

**6. Conditions**

In addition, the following condition shall apply:

The operator shall adhere to the following site marking requirements:

- a) mark all corners of the leased site with cautionary yellow buoys of a minimum of 60 cm in diameter;
- b) mark all corners of the leased bottom with a cement block or similar device of a weight sufficient to ensure the cement block or device remains in place at all times; and
- c) display the licence or lease number at 1 corner of the licensed or leased area.

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