

Findings and Decision - Assignment Application of Kelly Cove Salmon Ltd. for AQ#1441

1. Overview:

On July 3, 2020, the Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture (NSDFA) received an application from Kelly Cove Salmon Ltd. to assign Aquaculture Licence #1441 (AQ#1441), as described below:

Table 1. Description of Aquaculture Licence #1441

Type: Land-based	Location: Millbrook, Colchester County
Number: AQ#1441	Species: Atlantic salmon, Rainbow trout
Assignor: 3051802 Nova Scotia Limited	Assignee: Kelly Cove Salmon Ltd.

2. History

This site was first licensed as AQ#1288 between 2002 and 2017. The facility recently obtained their licence again in spring of 2020 (#1441) whereby the Licence was issued for a ten year term (May 20, 2020 to May 20, 2030). The assignment application does not involve a change in the configuration of the site, nor the type of aquaculture authorized for the site.

3. Procedure

3.1 Performance Review

A performance review of the information submitted by the operator in support of their assignment application was completed. This review recommended that the site be assigned based on the technical and biological assessment. This performance review is required pursuant to Subsection 72(d) of the Aquaculture Licence and Lease Regulations and was completed on June 1, 2021.

3.2 Public Comment Period

Notice of the application for assignment of AQ#1441 for the 30-day public comment period was published on NSDFA's website (<http://novascotia.ca/fish/aquaculture/public-information/>) for the period of April 15, 2021 to 11:59 PM on May 14, 2021. Notice of the application was also published in the Royal Gazette Part I on April 15, April 22, April 29, and May 6, 2021.

3.3 Submissions

No submissions were received by NSDFA during the 30-day public comment period.

4. Factors to be considered

Review of the assignment application indicates that the proposed new operator, Kelly Cove Salmon Ltd. (KCS) intends to have appropriate levels of production and employment for AQ#1441. Information submitted in support of the assignment application indicates continued contributions to the local and provincial economy.

Department staff will continue to monitor that production plans are implemented as submitted. KCS will be required to have an approved Farm Management Plan (FMP) prior to stocking, which will include specific details regarding environmental monitoring. There are no known adverse economic impacts associated with the proposed assignment of this site to KCS. KCS follows standard best management practices for rearing fish in a land-based environment. These practices have controls in place to mitigate potential environmental effects. All other aspects of the application information and the subsequent review of this information supports the assignment application.

5. Decision

Based on the considerations above, 3051802 Nova Scotia Limited's right, title and interest in and to Aquaculture Licence #1441 is hereby assigned to Kelly Cove Salmon Ltd.

The assignment shall have an effective date of June 7, 2021. The approval documents shall be prepared in accordance with the standard operating documents of NSDFA, and shall be made publicly available subject to the provisions of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.



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June 4, 2021

Date