

# Public Notice – Call for Proposals (Reallocation of an Aquaculture Site)

On behalf of the Aquaculture Administrator, the Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture hereby announces an aquaculture site **Reallocation Call for Proposals**. Details of the call for proposals are as follows:

<b>Site Register:</b>	<b>RE#9001</b>		
<b>Website Link to Registry:</b>	<a href="https://novascotia.ca/fish/aquaculture/public-information/public-notice/Register_9001.PDF">https://novascotia.ca/fish/aquaculture/public-information/public-notice/Register_9001.PDF</a>		
<b>Location:</b>	Marie Joseph Harbour	<b>Site Size:</b>	29.23 HA
<b>County:</b>	Guysborough	<b>Site Map / Boundaries:</b>	Refer to enclosed map(s)
<b>Start Date:</b>	August 23, 2024	<b>Deadline for Submissions:</b>	October 23, 2024
<b>Additional Information:</b>	For more information on general characteristics, water quality and depth, presence of gear, site history and results of performance reviews please refer to the site register posted on the Department’s website.		

<b>Previously Authorized Species and Methods of Cultivation</b>		
<b>Species Type:</b>	<b>Common Species Name(s):</b>	<b>Methods of Cultivation:</b>
Shellfish	Blue mussel Giant sea scallop	Suspended

<b>Additional Species and Methods of Cultivation Eligible for Consideration<sup>1</sup></b>		
<b>Species Type:</b>	<b>Common Species Name(s):</b>	<b>Methods of Cultivation:</b>
Shellfish	American oyster Bay scallop European oyster Other species native to this water body are eligible but must be specified in a proposal	Suspended
Marine Plants	Sugar kelp Dulse Nori Other species native to this water body are eligible but must be specified in a proposal	Suspended

<sup>1</sup> Subject to consultation with Federal and Provincial agencies per Subsection 40(1) of the *Aquaculture Licence and Lease Regulations*.

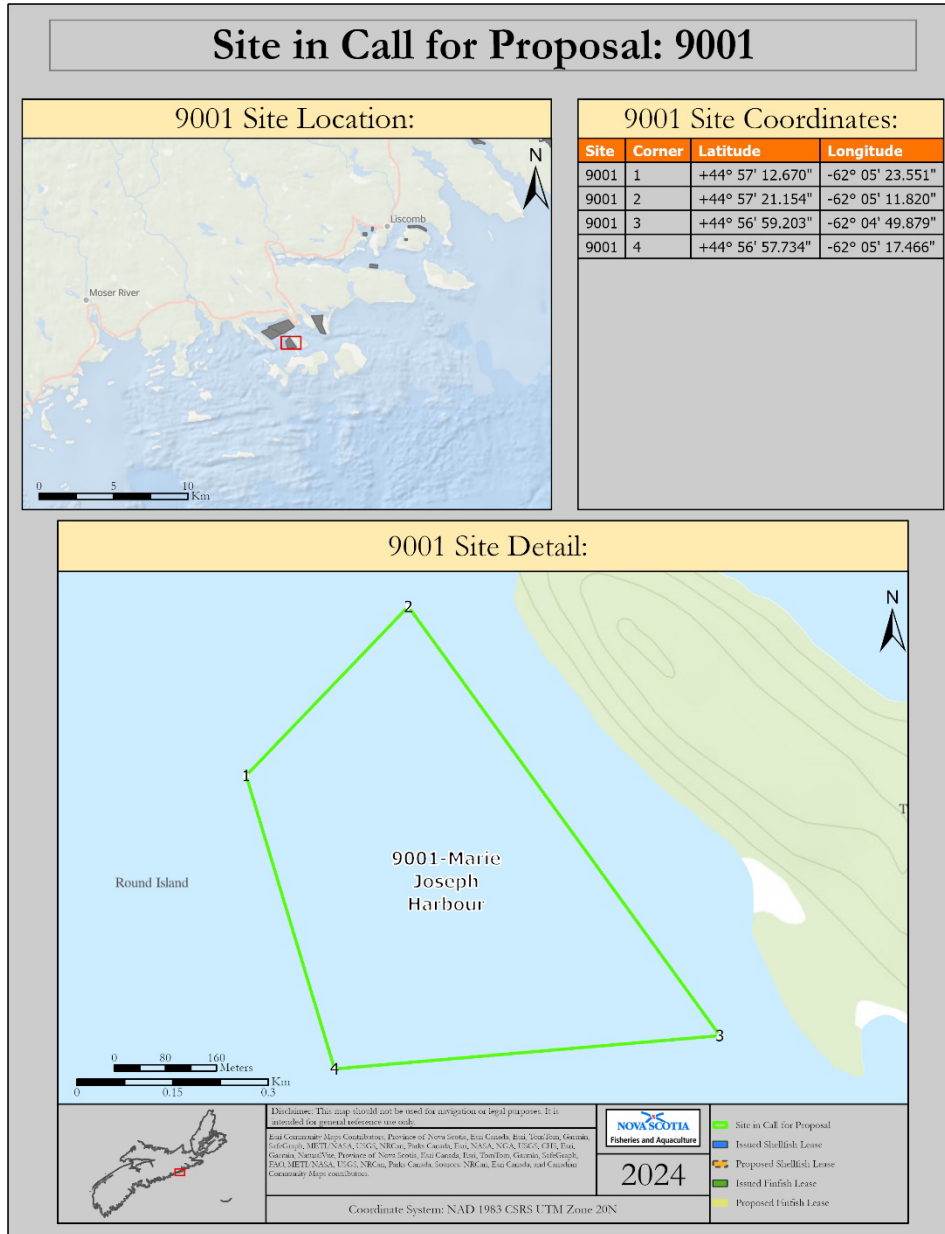


Figure 1. Vicinity map

**Background:**

In the event a previously issued aquaculture site is discontinued, the Department will conduct a performance review to determine if the site remains a suitable location for aquaculture. In such a case, the site will be added to the Registry of sites eligible for reallocation.

The registry of aquaculture sites eligible for reallocation contains details on the biophysical information related to the aquaculture site and can be found on the Department website at <https://novascotia.ca/fish/aquaculture/public-information/>

Following a competitive call for proposals, the aquaculture Administrator may select a proposal (with or without variations). A proponent whose proposal is selected has the exclusive right to apply for a new aquaculture licence and lease for a reallocated site, for a limited time.

**How to Submit a Proposal:**

Reallocation proposal forms may be found on the Department website at <https://novascotia.ca/fish/aquaculture/starting-an-aquaculture-site/>

Proposals may be submitted as follows:

1. By Email (preferred method) at: [Aqua.Admin@novascotia.ca](mailto:Aqua.Admin@novascotia.ca)
2. By Mail at:  
Aquaculture Administrator  
Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture  
1575A Lake Road, Sandy Point, NS B0T 1W0
3. By Fax at: 902-875-7429

Proposals will be accepted from 12:00 AM on the above Start Date to 11:59 PM on the above Deadline for Submissions Date.

**Evaluating and Decision:**

The criteria for selecting a proposal includes (but is not limited to):

- The technical and financial feasibility of the proposal
- The potential benefits to the community and Province;
- Any previous record of the proponent related to aquacultural operations; and
- The ability of the proponent to carry out the proposal.

Refer to the reallocation proposal form for more details on the criteria under consideration and how proposals are assessed.

The Aquaculture Administrator anticipates a decision on the call for proposals to be issued within 30 days following the deadline for submissions date, depending on the number of submissions received. The Administrator has the authority to select a proposal (as submitted or with variation) or to not select any proposals. The Administrator's decision will be posted on the department's website.