

Decision on Application for an Institutional New Aquaculture Licence

Application to the Administrator:

Pursuant to the Nova Scotia *Fisheries and Coastal Resources Act* (the “Act”) and the Nova Scotia *Aquaculture Licence and Lease Regulations* (the “Regulations”); On February 27, 2024, the Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture (the “Department”) received an application for a new land-based institutional aquaculture licence no. 1466 (AQ#1466), as described below:

Application Summary:

Type: New Land-Based Institutional Licence	Location: Halifax, Halifax County
Number: AQ#1466	Species: American eel, American lobster, American oyster, Arctic char, Atlantic salmon, Atlantic whitefish, Blue mussel, Brook trout, *Crab sp., European oyster, Sugar kelp, Oar weed, *Macro algae sp., *Micro algae sp., Rainbow trout, *Shrimp sp., Striped bass *Limited to those native to Nova Scotia
Applicant: Dalhousie University	Proposed Term: 10 year licence

Site History:

Not Applicable. This application is for a new aquaculture licence.

Public Submissions on Application to Administrator:

Pursuant to Section 41 of the Regulations, notice of the application was published on the Department’s website and in the Royal Gazette Part I inviting the public to submit written comments on the application to the Administrator within the 30 days following the date the notice was published. This notice was published on July 17, 2024

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

Factors to be Considered (as set out in Section 43 of the Regulations):

The financial viability of the proponent and the proposed operation

Consideration of all information submitted by the applicant, their proposed operation demonstrates both financial and technical viability.

The extent to which the proposal is in accordance with the Act, the relevant regulations made under the Act and any guidelines or policies established by the Minister

The nature in which the applicant intends to operate this site is consistent with the Act, Regulations, licence requirements, guidelines and policies of the Department.

The technical viability of the proposed operation

Upon consideration of all information submitted by the applicant, their proposed operation was determined to be technically viable. The technical information provided suggests that the proper infrastructure is already in place for the proposed method and scale of operation.

Any factors that the Administrator considers relevant to the application

There were no other issues or concerns raised during the review of the application to note.

Decision:

Based on the factors considered above, licence no. 1466 shall be issued to Dalhousie University for a term of ten (10) years (September 30, 2024 to September 29, 2034). Documents shall be prepared in accordance with the Department's standard operating documents and shall be made publicly available subject to the provisions of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.



Robert Ceschiutti
Aquaculture Administrator
Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture

September 6, 2024

Date