

Decision on Application for a Renewal Land-based Institutional 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 May 31, 2024, the Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture (the “Department”) received an application for a renewal of land-based institutional aquaculture licence #1458 (AQ#1458), as described below:

Application Summary:

Type: Land-based Institutional	Location: Indian Point Road, Lunenburg County
Number: AQ#1458	Species: Sugar kelp, Horsetail kelp, Dulse and Nori
Applicant: Ecology Action Centre	Proposed Term: Up to 10 years

Site History:

Aquaculture Licence no. 1458 was first issued on January 12, 2023 for a term of 1 year and 355 days (December 12, 2022 to December 1, 2024) for a land-based facility.

Public Submissions on Application to Administrator:

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 October 16, 2024.

No (0) 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

In consideration of all information submitted by the applicant, the proposed and continued operation of site no. 1458 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 develop and operate this land-based 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 development plan was determined to be technically viable.

Any factors that the Administrator considers relevant to the application

The currently approved species to cultivate are reasonable for land-based production in Nova Scotia.

Decision:

Based on the factors considered above, Institutional Aquaculture Licence no. 1458 shall be renewed to Ecology Action Centre for a term of three years (December 2, 2024 to December 1, 2027). 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

November 25, 2024

Date