

Decision on Application to Renew a Marine Aquaculture Land based Licence

Application to the Administrator:

On April 28, 2025, the Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture (the “Department”) received an application to renew Aquaculture Licence #0245 (AQ#0245), as described below:

Application Summary:

Type: Land Based	
Number: AQ#0245	Cultivation Method: Land Based Facility
Applicant: St. Peter’s Fish Hatchery	
Location: River Tillard, Richmond County	Species: Atlantic Salmon, Rainbow Trout, Brook Trout, Arctic char
Proposed Term: 10 year Licence	

Site History:

Aquaculture Licence No. 0245 was first issued on September 10, 1990, to Salmonid Propagation Associates Co-Operative Ltd. for a ten-year term (September 1, 1990, to August 31, 2000), for the land-based cultivation of Atlantic salmon, Rainbow trout, Brook trout and Arctic char. In October, 2000, the licence was renewed for a five-year term (October 30, 2000 to October 30, 2005) and the name of the licensee was updated to 3014275 Nova Scotia Ltd. In June, 2006, the licence was renewed for a five-year term (October 30, 2005 to October 30, 2010) and the name of the licensee was updated to St. Peters Fish Hatchery Ltd. In June, 2011, the licence was renewed for a five-year term (October 30, 2010 to October 30, 2015). In April, 2016, the licence was renewed for a ten-year term (October 30, 2015 to October 30, 2025).

Performance Reviews Conducted by Administrator:

A performance review was conducted on the aquacultural operation of site AQ#0245, pursuant to Sections 71-72 of the *Aquaculture Licence and Lease Regulations* (the “Regulations”). There were no concerns raised following the performance review.

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 September 10, 2025.

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*

There were no concerns raised regarding the financial viability of the proponent or the proposed operation with respect to this renewal application.

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 St. Peters Fish Hatchery Ltd. intends to continue operating 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, the applicant's proposal to continue operation was determined to be technically viable.

Any factors that the Administrator considers relevant to the application

One of the on-going requirements in any aquaculture licence is for the licensee to comply with any permits, protocols, approvals, licences or permissions (the "licensing requirements") which may be required under the laws of the relevant municipality, the Province or Canada. The licensee is responsible for confirming any licensing requirements and ensuring compliance with them.

Decision:

Based on the factors considered above, the application to renew aquaculture licence no. 0245 is conditionally approved, on the condition that the licensee provide the Department with record of an up-to-date water withdrawal permit from Nova Scotia Department of Environment. Upon meeting such conditions, the licence shall be renewed for a period of 10 years (October 30, 2025 to October 29, 2035).

The Licence 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*.



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Aquaculture Administrator
Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture

October 20, 2025

Date