

Findings and Decision – Renewal Application of Vince Stuart for AO#0828

1. Overview

On March 5, 2019, the Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture received an assignment application from 3318168 Nova Scotia Limited for Aquaculture Licence and Lease #0828, as described below:

Table 1. Description of Aquaculture Licence and Lease #0828

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| Type: Marine Shellfish | Location: St. Mary’s Bay, Digby County |
| Number: AQ#0828 | Size: 24.00 HA |
| Assignor: Vince Stuart | Cultivation Method: Suspended shellfish Method |
| Assignee: 3318168 Nova Scotia Limited | Species Bay quahog, Blue mussel, Soft shell clam, European oyster, Giant Sea scallop |

2. History

AQ#0828 was first issued on May 24, 1996 for a ten-year term (May 24, 1996 to May 24, 2006) for the suspended cultivation of Giant sea scallops and Soft shell clams (one-year experimental). AQ#0828 was amended on September 28, 1998 to extend the term of experimental Soft shell clam cultivation and to authorize the cultivation of European oysters. AQ#0828 was amended on October 12, 2000 to authorize the cultivation of Blue mussels and Soft shell clams, and the suspended cultivation of Bay quahogs. AQ#0828 was renewed on June 6, 2007 for a five-year term (May 24, 2006 to May 23, 2011). AQ#0828 was renewed on April 11, 2012 for a five-year term (May 24, 2011 to May 23, 2016). AQ#0828 was renewed on October 25, 2016 for a ten-year licence term (May 24, 2016 to May 24, 2026) and a twenty-year lease term (May 24, 2016 to May 24, 2036).

3. Procedure

3.1 Performance Review

Despite multiple requests by the NSDFA to the assignee, Due to a lack of application information submitted by the assignee, the application did not progress to the stage of having a performance review completed.

3.2 Public Comment Period

Notice of application for the assignment of AQ#0828 for the 30-day public comment period was published on NSDFA’s website (<http://novascotia.ca/fish/aquaculture/public-information>) for the period of June 6, 2019 to July 5, 2019. Notice of the applicant was also published in the Royal Gazette Part I on June 12, June 19, June 26 and July 3 2019.

3.3 Submissions

Zero submissions were received by NSDFA during the 30-day public comment period.

4. **Factors to be considered**

Despite several attempts by the NSDFA to contact the assignee, insufficient detail was provided in the assignment application to allow for consideration of the relevant regulatory factors.

5. **Decision**

Due to a lack of application information submitted by the applicant, the assignment application for AQ#0828 was rejected on May 7, 2020.

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