

## Decision – Application to Administrator

### Application Summary:

<b>Application Reference Number:</b>	REF#549
<b>Aquaculture Site Number:</b>	AQ#1312
<b>Application Class:</b>	Class III
<b>Application Type:</b>	Renewal
<b>Abstract:</b>	Application to renew aquaculture licence no. 1312
<b>Applicant Name:</b>	SUSTAINABLE BLUE (2025) INC. (4644903 NS Ltd.)
<b>Date Received by Department:</b>	June 17, 2025
<b>Location:</b>	Centre Burlington
<b>County:</b>	Hants
<b>Site Type:</b>	Land-based
<b>Operation Type:</b>	Commercial

### Current Licence Information:

<b>Method(s) of Cultivation:</b>	Facility
<b>Species:</b>	Atlantic halibut, Sablefish, European sea bass, Black sea bass, Striped bass, Gilthead seabream, Atlantic salmon
<b>Term of Licence:</b>	December 20, 2015 to December 20, 2025

### Decision:

<b>Decision Issued:</b>	Approved
<b>Signature and Date:</b>	
	Robert Ceschiutti, Aquaculture Administrator

## Definitions:

The following are terms, acronyms and definitions that may appear in this document:

**Act** means the Nova Scotia *Fisheries and Coastal Resources Act*

**Department** means the Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture

**Regulations** means the Nova Scotia *Aquaculture Licence and Lease Regulations*

## Site History:

On December 20, 2005, aquaculture licence no. 1312 was issued to Sustainable Fish Farming (Canada) Ltd. for a 10-year term (December 20, 2005 to December 20, 2015) for the land-based facility cultivation of Atlantic halibut and Sablefish, on a property located in Summerville, Hants county. In February, 2008, the licence was amended to authorize cultivation of European sea bass. In December, 2008, the licence was amended to authorize cultivation of Black sea bass. In June, 2009, the licence was amended to authorize cultivation of Striped bass. In July, 2012, the licence was amended to authorize cultivation of Gilthead seabream. In December, 2012, the licence was amended to authorize cultivation of Atlantic salmon. In May, 2016, the licence was renewed for a 10-year term (December 20, 2015 to December 20, 2025). In October, 2019, the licence was assigned to Sustainable Fish Farming (Canada) Ltd. under new ownership. In January, 2025, the licence was assigned to 4644903 Nova Scotia Ltd. (currently operating as Sustainable Blue (2025) Inc.).

## Consultations on Application to Administrator:

Pursuant to Clause 32(a) of the Regulations, the Administrator must undertake consultations with any of the following as required under the laws of the Province or of Canada with respect to the application:

- A department or agency of the Government of Nova Scotia
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As such, consultations were undertaken with the following departments or agencies:

Government of Nova Scotia:

- Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture

## Factors to be Considered:

Under Section 17(2) of the Regulations, in making decisions related to land-based aquaculture sites, the Administrator must take all of the following factors into consideration:

- a) The contribution of the proposed operation to community and Provincial economic development;
- b) The technical viability of the proposed operation;
- c) The ability of the applicant to carry out the proposed operation;
- d) Any previous record of the applicant related to aquacultural operations.

All of the above factors have been taken into consideration prior to making the decision on this application. The following is a summary of the outcomes of the Departmental review and any consultation undertaken (where indicated above). This summary is not intended to be an exhaustive account of the results following review and consultation.

### *The contribution of the proposed operation to community and Provincial economic development*

The proposed renewal did not involve any change to the operator's services and suppliers and did not involve any change to the operator's employment impact to the community.

### *The Technical Viability of the Proposed Operation*

There were no proposed changes to the operation of the existing land-based facility. The historical information on record indicated that that the proper infrastructure is in place for the proposed method and scale of operation and is deemed technically viable.

### *The Ability of the Applicant to Carry Out the Proposed Operation*

There were no concerns raised regarding the financial viability of the applicant or their proposed operation with respect to this renewal application. The applicant has demonstrated their ability to carry out the proposed operation through historical operation of this site. No issues were raised during review of their renewal application.

### *Any Previous Record of the Applicant Related to Aquacultural Operations*

The applicant's historical records related to aquacultural operations were taken into account and did not impact the decision on this renewal application.

### **Decision:**

Based on the factors considered above, the application to renew aquaculture licence no. 1312 is hereby approved. The licence shall be renewed for a 10-year term, from December 20, 2025 to December 19, 2035.

### *Implementation:*

The licence documents shall be prepared in accordance with the Department's standard operating documents. The decision shall be deemed implemented once the licence documents have been signed by all parties. The licence shall be made publicly available subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, once the decision has been implemented.