

Public Notice – Invitation for Public Comment on Aquaculture Application

Foreword:

Pursuant to Section 47(2)(c) of the Fisheries and Coastal Resources Act (the “Act”) and Sections 23(2)(c) and 32(c) of the Aquaculture Licence and Lease Regulations (the “Regulations”), the Aquaculture Administrator hereby invites members of the public to provide written comment on the aquaculture application described in Table 1.

Table 1: Application Summary:

Link to Application Online:	https://novascotia.ca/fish/aquaculture/public-information/public-notice/REF598_Application.pdf
Reference Number:	REF#598
Application Class:	CLASS II
Application Type:	Renewal
Abstract:	Application to renew aquaculture licence no. 1246
Applicant Name:	Blair MacDonald
Date Received by Department:	December 18, 2025
Location:	St. Patrick’s Channel
County:	Victoria
Site Type:	Marine
Operation Type:	Commercial
Current Licence / Lease Information	
Aquaculture Site Number:	AQ#1246
Site Size (in hectares):	11.12
Method(s) of Cultivation:	Bottom without gear, Bottom with gear, Suspended
Species:	American oyster
Term of Licence:	July 9, 2016 to July 9, 2026
Term of Lease:	July 9, 2016 to July 9, 2036

Table 2: 30-Day Submission Period

Start Date:	Wednesday, April 8, 2026	(12:00 AM)
End Date:	Friday, May 8, 2026	(11:59 PM)

Terms and Conditions of Submitting a Written Public Comment:

For your written submission to be considered, you must:

1. Submit your written comment within 30 days of the notice being published. The 30-day submission period is provided in Table 2 above;
2. Include your full name and the following contact information: Mailing address, civic address (if different from your mailing address), phone number, e-mail address;
3. Comply with the terms applicable to the use of Government of Nova Scotia websites (a copy of those terms are available online at <https://www.novascotia.ca/terms>)
4. Describe how you, the person making the written comment, are specifically connected with the matter to be determined; and
5. Ensure that your written comment is in reference to the optimum use of marine resources, as determined by one or more of the following factors:
 - a. The contribution of the proposed operation to community and Provincial economic development;

- b. Fishery activities in the public waters surrounding the proposed aquacultural operation;
- c. The oceanographic and biophysical characteristics of the public waters surrounding the proposed aquacultural operation;
- d. The other users of the public waters surrounding the proposed aquacultural operation;
- e. The public right of navigation;
- f. For marine finfish applications, the sustainability of wild salmon; and
- g. The number and productivity of other aquaculture sites in the public waters surrounding the proposed aquacultural operation.

Note: A written public comment is one that is created by you, in your own words, for the purpose of the application under consideration. Examples of unacceptable submissions include, but are not limited to, photographs, images, tables, figures, website links, reports, quotes from other sources, charts and graphs.

By submitting your written comment with respect to an application, you are giving the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture (the “Department”) consent to post your written comment to the Department’s website, along with your full name, city and province (your street address, email address and phone number will be removed or redacted).

Comments received from the public that meet the above terms and conditions shall be posted on the Department’s website either as a separate report or as a supplement to a decision document.

How to Submit a Written Public Comment:

Online Submission Form:	e-mail:	Letter-Mail:
URL: https://forms-beta.novascotia.ca/NewSubmission/e47492d3-150c-45f7-865e-0b09eed4d42d	aquaculture@novascotia.ca	Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture c/o Aquaculture Administrator 1575A Lake Road Sandy Point, NS B0T 1W0
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