

## Decision – Application to Administrator

### Application Summary:

<b>Application Reference Number:</b>	REF#585
<b>Aquaculture Site Number:</b>	AQ#0185
<b>Application Class:</b>	Class III
<b>Application Type:</b>	Renewal
<b>Abstract:</b>	Application to renewal aquaculture licence no. 0185
<b>Applicant Name:</b>	Thomas W Strickland, Brenda Strickland
<b>Date Received by Department:</b>	September 18, 2025
<b>Location:</b>	Little Harbour
<b>County:</b>	Pictou
<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 salmon, Rainbow trout, Brook trout, Arctic char
<b>Term of Licence:</b>	March 23, 2016 to March 23, 2026

### 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:

Aquaculture licence no. 0185 was first issued to Thomas W Strickland and Brenda Strickland on April 20, 1990, for a ten-year term (April 1, 1990 to March 31, 2000) for the land-based facility cultivation of Atlantic salmon, Rainbow trout, Brook trout and Arctic char. In March, 2001, the licence was renewed for a five-year term (March 23, 2001 to March 23, 2006). In July, 2006, the licence was renewed for a five-year term (March 23, 2006 to March 23, 2011). In February, 2011, the licence was renewed for a five-year term (March 23, 2011 to March 23, 2016). In April 29, 2016, the licence was renewed for a ten-year term (March 23, 2016 to March 23, 2026).

## 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
- A department or agency of the Government of Canada

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 marine aquaculture sites, the Administrator must take into consideration the optimum use of marine resources, as determined by taking into consideration the following factors only:

- 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 current services and suppliers and did not involve any change to the operator's current 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 the proper infrastructure is in place for the proposed method and scale of operation and has been 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. 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. 0185 is hereby approved. Licence no. 0185 shall be renewed for a ten-year term, from March 23, 2026 to March 22, 2036.

*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.