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December 18, 2025

Aquaculture Renewal Application

Licence/Lease No: 1246

Licence/lease holder:

Applicant: Blair MacDonald Contact Person: Blair MacDonald

Nova Scotia Registry of Joint Stocks Number: n/a

Revenue Canada Business Number: n/a

Telephone No. (Work): n/a (Home): n/a (Cell): [REDACTED]

Fax No.: n/a E-mail: [REDACTED]

Mailing Address: 32 Parkdale Ave

Timberlea N.S. Postal Code: B3T 1C2

Civic Address: _____
n/a Postal Code: _____

Application Materials

A complete application includes the following:

- Renewal fee (payable to Minister of Finance) according to Section 77 of the Aquaculture Licence and Lease Regulations for Nova Scotia made under Section 64, Chapter 25 of the Acts of 1996, *the Fisheries and Coastal Resources Act*
- Application Form
- Development Plan according to application
- Copy of up-to-date Shareholder’s Register which sets out the shareholdings of the company (if applicable)

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Submit completed applications to: **Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture, Aquaculture Division**
1575 Lake Road, Shelburne, NS B0T 1W0
E-mail: aquaculture@novascotia.ca



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Signature of Applicant

[Redacted Signature]

Date

16-12-2025

Signature of Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture Designate

[Redacted Signature]

Date

Dec 18, 2025

Blair MacDonald
32 Parkdale Ave,
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October 7, 2025

Nova Scotia Dept. of Fisheries and Aquaculture
1575A Lake Road
Sandy Point, NS
B0T 1W0

Attn: Susanne Holland, Licensing Coordinator,

I am the current lease holder of Aquaculture lease # 1246 and I am applying for renewal of this lease.

I have been farming and fishing American Oysters on this site since the 1990s as a lease holder and for many years prior to that under the Federal leasing system.

This site, like all in the Bras d'Or lakes was hit with MSX in the early 2000's and has struggled ever since to produce oysters in a harvestable amount. This site has been historically recognized as a choice area for the production of spat and grow out of oysters to a mature, marketable size. The site conditions that allow for this makes it one of the main factors in my decision to continue work on this lease and request a renewal of my lease and license. I have had some limited successes with establishing a small population of oysters on the site. This population includes mature oyster stock that produces a good spat fall.

Since the early 2000's when MSX affected the site, I have been involved with my own work including surveying the site, monitoring spat falls and carrying out data collection. Over the last number of years, I have also been involved with the Bras d'Or Oyster Group of lease holders, the Verschuren center and Mr. Rod Beresford from the Cape Breton University. The work with these groups includes the collection of brood stock for a new hatchery, placing experimental systems on the site to determine best alternate grow out methods and supporting the placement of data loggers for site information collection. I have also been recently in contact with Dr. Amanda K Swim, Chief Aquatic Health Veterinarian with the NS Dept of Fisheries and Aquaculture regarding shellfish health sampling work taking place on my lease.

As an active lease holder, I am asking that my application for renewable be accepted so I can carry on with the activities that will help to re-establish a viable oyster harvesting operation on my lease.

Sincerely,

Blair MacDonald