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Aquaculture Renewal Application

Licence/Lease No: 0177

Licence/lease holder:

Applicant: Paul Budreski Contact Person: _____

Nova Scotia Registry of Joint Stocks Number: _____

Revenue Canada Business Number: _____

Telephone No. (Work): _____ (Home): _____ (Cell): [REDACTED]

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Halifax, N.S. Postal Code: B3J 4B3

Civic Address: _____
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
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By signing and submitting this form, I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and accept the above statements regarding the collection, use, and disclosure of the information provided on this form.

Signature of Applicant

[Redacted Signature]

Date

Aug 5/25

Signature of Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture Designate

Date

E. Lynn Winfield

August 11, 2025

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Renewal Plan Report – AQ#0177

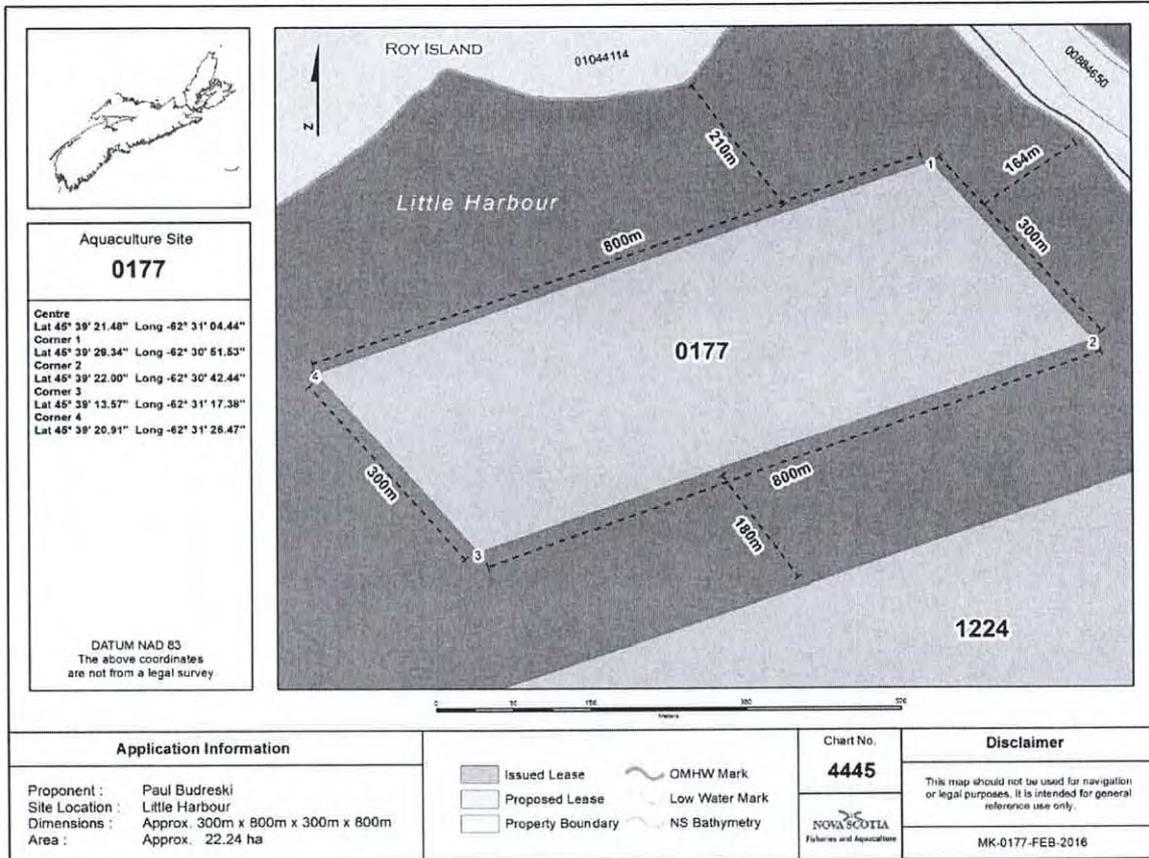
Applicant Instructions: Please review the information presented in this renewal plan and complete the table that begins on page 3.

Site Overview:

Aquaculture Type:	Marine shellfish
Site Number:	AQ#0177
Size:	22.24 HA
Applicant:	Paul Budreski
Location:	Little Harbour, Pictou County
Cultivation Method(s):	Bottom without gear (seeding only)
Species:	American oyster, bay scallop, bar clam and bay quahog
Application Type:	Renewal

Site Map:

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Development Plan:

The Department has the following information on file from your last renewal plan (dated October 13, 2015), or from recent discussions. Please let us know if there are any changes by filling in the table below:

	Department Information (on file or through engagement)	Applicant Confirmation and Description of Any Changes
Seed source	<i>Your 2015 renewal plan indicates that shell has been used to promote spat collection on site in the past (~20 totes of shell). Seed is natural set from wild stocks. Number of seed introduced varies annually.</i>	<p>Confirm below the current/planned source of seed.</p> <p>Response: we still use existing sources of collection on the lease and we enhance with shell stock. Some years recruitment is good and some years not so good. Very weak recruitment for bay scallops for last 10 years but quahogs have gotten better in the last 2-3 years.</p>
Bottom cultivation without gear	<i>Wild seed is spread throughout the lease. Product is grown out on bottom until harvestable. Harvest methods are by hand and diving. No gear is used or is intended to be used in production of shellfish on site.</i>	<p>Confirm below that no gear is/will be used on site to collect spat or hold product.</p> <p>Response: no gear is used for collection. We maintain and collect shell for recycling.</p>
	<i>Proposed annual harvest stated in</i>	Your annual production is different from your proposed production level based on your most recent development plan on file. Please provide below the rationale as to why.

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Proposed annual harvest	<p>Proposed annual harvest stated in your 2015 renewal plan was approx. 30,000 kg of shellfish. Based on production statistics reported to the Department from 2015-2024, an average of [REDACTED] market oysters, [REDACTED] bay quahogs, and [REDACTED] bay scallops have been harvested annually at AQ#0177. In recent years, annual production has been approx. [REDACTED] oysters and [REDACTED] quahogs (see graph above). Reported reasons for loss include ice, storms and predators. Years 2020-2022 correspond with the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>	<p>Response: no recruitment of bay scallops and weak recruitment of quahogs. A lot has happened in the past 10 years and we could not have predicted a pandemic, hurricane and now disease. 0177 has always been our least productive lease and is mainly suited for quahogs. A source of hatchery seed would be very helpful.</p>
	<p>What do you project your annual production plan will be over the next 5 years? Please populate the production table below.</p>	

Proposed Production Table:

Year	Species	Culture method	Proposed annual harvest (# units or kg)
2026	American oyster	Bottom no gear	10-20,000 units
	Bay quahog		5000 kg
	Bay scallop		0
	Bar clam		0
2027	American oyster	Bottom no gear	10-20000 units
	Bay quahog		5000kg
	Bay scallop		0
	Bar clam		0

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2028	American oyster	Bottom no gear	10-20000 units
	Bay quahog		5000kg
	Bay scallop		0
	Bar clam		0
2029	American oyster	Bottom no gear	10-20000 units
	Bay quahog		5000kg
	Bay scallop		0
	Bar clam		0
2030	American oyster	Bottom no gear	10-20000 units
	Bay quahog		5000kg
	Bay scallop		0
	Bar clam		0

Is there anything else you wish to tell us about your aquaculture operation?

Estimates could be increased dramatically if hatchery seed available for both oysters and quahogs. Estimates for oysters could be reduced dramatically if demo or msx gets into our bay.



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