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# Aquaculture Renewal Application

Licence/Lease No: 1224

## Licence/lease holder:

Applicant: Paul Budreski Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Nova Scotia Registry of Joint Stocks Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 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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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#1224**

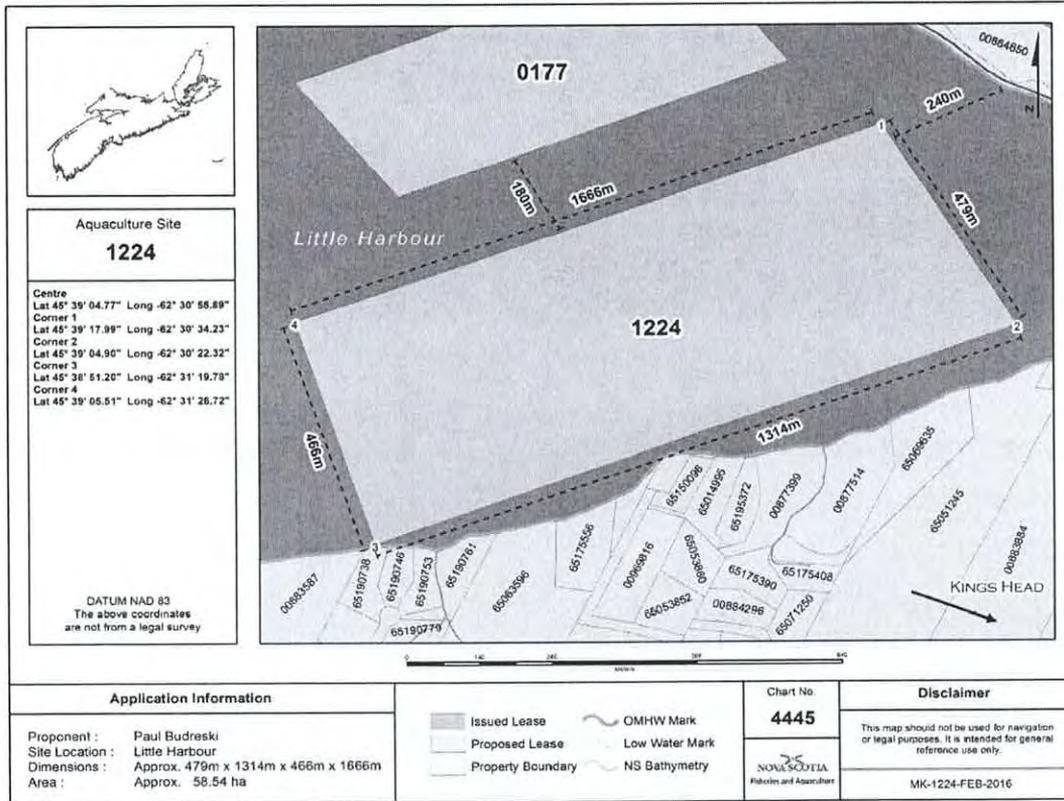
**Applicant Instructions:** Please review the information presented in this renewal plan and complete the table that begins on page 3.

### **Site Overview:**

<b>Aquaculture Type:</b>	Marine shellfish
<b>Site Number:</b>	AQ#1224
<b>Size:</b>	58.54 HA
<b>Applicant:</b>	Paul Budreski
<b>Location:</b>	Little Harbour, Pictou County
<b>Cultivation Method(s):</b>	Bottom without gear (seeding only)
<b>Species:</b>	American oyster, bay scallop, bar clam and bay quahog
<b>Application Type:</b>	Renewal

### **Site Map:**

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**10-Year Production History:**

Production of shellfish at AQ#1224 over the past ten years is presented below based on your annual production reports submitted to the Department.

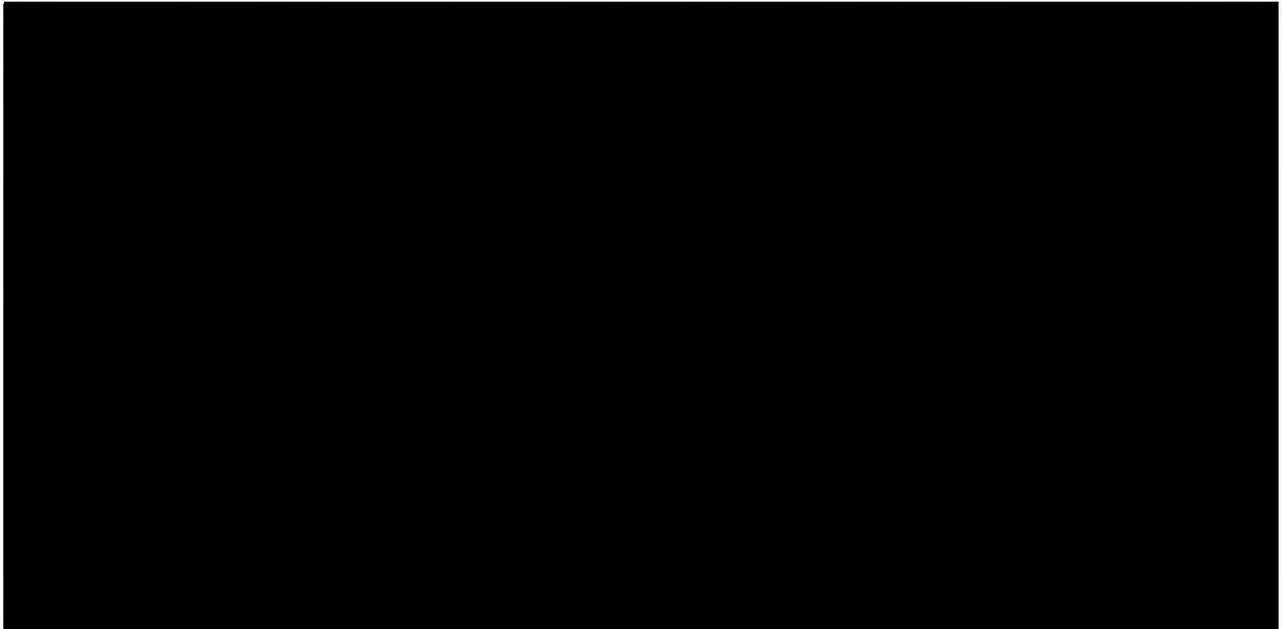
From 2015 to 2024, the average annual production was approximately:

██████████ **American oysters** (with a range of ██████████ harvested per year),

██████████ **bay quahog** (with a range of ██████████ harvested per year),

██████████ **bay scallop** (with a range of ██████████ harvested per year), and

██████████ **bar clam** (with a range of ██████████ harvested per year).



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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
<b>Seed source</b>	<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><b>Confirm below the current/planned source of seed is going to be wild set.</b></p> <p>Response: we continue to get wild set by recycling old shells. We promote quahogs sets by using notata quahogs placed at shallow depths for enhanced collection.</p>
<b>Bottom cultivation without gear</b>	<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><b>Confirm below that no gear is/will be used on site to collect spat or hold product.</b></p> <p>Response: no gear is used on this site for collection</p>
	<i>Proposed annual harvest stated in your 2015 renewal plan was</i>	<b>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.</b>

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<b>Proposed annual harvest</b>	<p><i>approx. 50,000 kg of shellfish. Based on production statistics reported to the Department from 2015-2024, an average of [redacted] market oysters, [redacted] bay quahogs, [redacted] bay scallops and [redacted] bar clams have been harvested annually (see graph above). Reported reasons for loss include ice and storms.</i></p>	<p>Response: almost no recruitment of bay scallops or bar clams. Oyster sets have been intermittent but last couple of years have been better. Quahog recruitment has been better lately and we expect a doubling of harvest.</p>
		<p><b>What do you project your annual production plan will be over the next 5 years? Please populate the production table below.</b></p>

**Proposed Production Table:**

Year	Species	Culture method	Proposed annual harvest (# units or kg)
2026	American oyster	Bottom no gear	30-40000 units
	Bay quahog		5000 kg
	Bay scallop		0
	Bar clam		0
2027	American oyster	Bottom no gear	30 - 40000 units
	Bay quahog		5000kg
	Bay scallop		0
	Bar clam		0
2028	American oyster	Bottom no	30-40000 units
	Bay quahog		5000kg

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2020	Bay scallop	gear	0
	Bar clam		0
2029	American oyster	Bottom no gear	30-4000 units
	Bay quahog		5000kg
	Bay scallop		0
	Bar clam		0
2030	American oyster	Bottom no gear	30-4000 units
	Bay quahog		5000kg
	Bay scallop		0
	Bar clam		0

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

Same issues as #0177. Harvesting has been more of a challenge here as water visibility has been terrible. For some unknown reason since the pulp mill closed we have had terrible visibility with just a slight wind stirring up the water (pulp fibres maybe). We hope this gradually goes away. Spring of 2015 was very cold and we still had ice bergs in bay on May 21 - we estimate we lost 40% of crop

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