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File # 2.1125.0053
Reg. #1834

Mr. Clyde Collier
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Dear Mr. Collier:

RE: Placentia Bay Atlantic Salmon Aquaculture Project – Registration 1834

Your proposal has been reviewed by an interdepartmental screening committee and an opportunity to comment has been provided to the public as required by the Newfoundland and Labrador *Environmental Protection Act*, SNL 2002, cE-14.2.

Please be advised that this undertaking is **released** from further environmental assessment. This release is subject to the following conditions:

- Only triploid Atlantic salmon are permitted to be used.
- The Department acknowledges and supports the recommendation outlined in the Canadian Science Advisory Secretariat Report (Science Response 2016/034) regarding the use of all-female triploid Atlantic salmon, which we have been advised is your intent. The Department requires an annual progress report regarding the phased approach from using mixed sex triploids to the use of all female triploids.
- Prior to the commencement of construction activities, the proponent must submit to the Department of Advanced Education and Skills additional information on workforce and timelines for the project. For further information, please contact the Skills and Labour Market Research Division at (709) 729-5670.
- Prior to the commencement of construction activities, the proponent must submit a Women's Employment Plan for the project to the Women's Policy Office that meets the approval of the Deputy Minister.
- Prior to the commencement of construction activities, the proponent must submit to Health Canada an inventory of all regulated substances that are intended to be used for the project. For further information, please contact Ms. Allison Denning at (902) 426-5575.

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) and the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture (DFA) are the main government regulators regarding the protection of fish and fish habitat; fish science and aquaculture management; disease, parasite, fungus and virus management; escapes and recapture; environmental monitoring; mitigation measures; and sources of information regarding these subject areas. You are required to contact these agencies for further permits, licenses and approvals. For more information, please call Mr. Geoff Perry at DFO (709) 772-0183 or Ms. Elizabeth Barlow at DFA at (709) 538-3725.

Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) advises that a Disposal at Sea Permit may be required. They also provided comments on migratory birds, controlling toxic substances, aquaculture best management practices, climate change and the use of chemicals. For further information, please contact Jerry Pulchan at (709) 772-2161. This Department supports those comments and encourages you to consider these in the design of the project.

The Government Service Centre of the Department of Service NL requires that you develop and submit a waste management plan for review and approval. For further information, please contact Mr. Robert Locke at (709) 729-2008.

The Forestry and Agrifoods Agency (FAA) requires you to obtain a commercial cutting permit prior to any harvesting and timber removal activities at the Marystown site. For further information, please contact Mr. Tim Andrews at (709) 466-7439.

You are required to obtain a permit from the Water Resources Management Division of this Department under various sections of the *Water Resources Act, 2002* prior to construction, specifically for work in a body of water with a site drainage plan, water use licence, marine water use licenses and permits, permit for the construction of a non-domestic well, and a groundwater monitoring plan. For further information, please contact Dr. Abdel-Zaher Abdel-Razek at (709) 729-4795 or Ms. Dorothea Hanchar (709) 729-2539.

The Pollution Prevention Division of this Department requires a Waste Management Plan which should include composting to deal with processing waste and mortalities. For further information, please contact Ms. Vicki Ficzero at (709) 729-7012. They also advise that if you plan to apply pesticides, copper based antifoulants, or any other pesticide, you are required to obtain a Pesticide Operator License and the appropriate category of Pesticide Applicator Licence. For further information, please contact Mr. George Ingram at (709) 729-2565.

The Department of Municipal Affairs requires that you apply for and obtain Crown Land Leases for each farm site, and development, building and occupancy permits from the Town of Marystown prior to project start up. For further information, please contact Mr. Peter Hearn at (709) 729-3231 or the Town of Marystown at (709) 279-1661.

The Office of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency have provided comments regarding climate change, and more frequent and extreme weather events. This Department supports those comments and encourages you to consider these in the design of the project.

Although the undertaking, as proposed, is released from further environmental assessment, it is still subject to other legislative requirements. A summary of the comments received from government agencies during the review is attached to provide an indication of likely applicable permits, approvals and legislative requirements. You may also refer to the BizPaL website at www.bizpal.ca. BizPaL is an online tool that generates a list of permits, licenses and authorizations that may be required when starting or expanding a business. You are also encouraged to contact Canada Business Newfoundland and Labrador (CBNL) for any additional information you may need in dealing with various levels of government. CBNL serves as a first point of access to federal and provincial government services, programs and regulatory requirements for business. CBNL can be reached by telephone at 1-888-576-4444 or online at www.canadabusiness.gc.ca.

Please note that you must comply with all relevant legislation and obtain all necessary permits and approvals. You are required to inform and seek the approval of this Department of any proposed significant changes to the undertaking.

If you have any questions concerning these matters, please contact Mr. Bas Cleary, Director, Environmental Assessment Division at 729-0673.

Sincerely,



PERRY TRIMPER, MHA
District of Lake Melville
Minister

cc. Honourable Steve Crocker
Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture

Honourable Dominic LeBlanc
Minister of Fisheries and Oceans Canada