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Reg. #1834

Mr. Knut Skeidsvoll
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Dear Mr. Skeidsvoll:

RE: Placentia Bay Atlantic Salmon Aquaculture Project (Registration 1834)

Please be advised that under the authority of Part X of the *Environmental Protection Act, SNL 2002, cE-14.2* an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required. The EIS process will require you to describe in additional detail your proposed undertaking and address issues brought forward during the initial review of this undertaking.

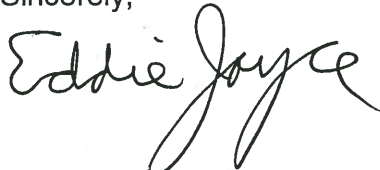
An Environmental Assessment Committee will be appointed for the purpose of providing technical and scientific advice to you regarding the preparation of the EIS. As per legislative requirements, you will be issued guidelines for the completion of the EIS. As per section 57 of the *Act*, these guidelines will define the information required to be submitted as part of the EIS, including but not limited to a description of the present environment that will be affected or that might reasonably be expected to be affected by the undertaking, the effects that would be caused or might reasonably be expected to be caused to the environment by the undertaking, the proposed actions you will take to minimize and mitigate environmental effects of the undertaking, alternatives to the undertaking, and a proposed program of study to monitor all substances used by and harmful effects that may result from the undertaking.

As per section 58 of the *Act*, during the EIS process you will be required to host a public information session in the local community to inform the public about the project and record and respond to the concerns of the local community regarding the potential environmental effects of the project.

Please be reminded that, in accordance with the *Environmental Protection Act*, project activities may not proceed until the proposal is released from the Environmental Assessment process. Please note that as per the Department's policy directive on fees, the project will also be subject to cost recovery to offset the costs incurred by the Crown in conducting the environmental assessment.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Dr. Susan Squires at (709) 729-0673 or by email at susansquires@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,



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