

Government of Newfoundland and Labrador Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment Office of the Minister

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Mr. Knut Skeidsvoll Grieg NL Nurseries Ltd. Grieg NL Seafarms Ltd. PO Box 457 Marystown NL A0E 2M0

Dear Mr. Skeidsvoll:

RE: <u>Environmental Protection Plan for the Construction and Operation of Sea Cages for the Placentia Bay Atlantic Salmon Aquaculture Project</u>

On September 5, 2018, the Placentia Bay Atlantic Salmon Aquaculture Project was released from environmental assessment, subject to conditions. One such condition requires Grieg NL to submit an Environmental Protection Plan (EPP) for all applicable sea cage construction and operations activities to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment, and receive the Minister's approval for the EPPs, prior to the start of sea cage construction.

In July 2019, Grieg NL submitted the final version of an EPP for Sea Cage Construction that had been subject to intergovernmental review. In December 2019, Grieg NL submitted the final version of an EPP for Sea Cage Operations, which had been subject to an intergovernmental review. Both EPPs are found to be acceptable and are therefore approved.

Please be aware that you must abide by all commitments made in the Sea Cage EPPs and that any significant changes will be subject to additional review and approval. Although final, the EPP for Sea Cage Construction and the EPP for Sea Cage Operations are considered living documents that can be updated as required, should environmental conditions or circumstances change.

If you have any questions concerning these matters, please contact Joanne Sweeney, Director (A) of the Environmental Assessment Division at (709) 729-0673, or by email at joannesweeney@gov.nl.ca.



Sincerely,

DERRICK BRAGG

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment District of Fogo Island-Cape Freels

cc: Jeff Dwyer, MHA Placentia West-Bellevue