

Reg. #1834

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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: Environmental Effects Monitoring Plans for Climate and Weather and for Fish, Marine Mammals, and Seabirds, for the Placentia Bay Atlantic Salmon Aquaculture Project**

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 Environmental Effects Monitoring Plans (EEMPs) to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment, and receive the Minister’s approval for the EEMPs, prior to the start of hatchery operations. The EEMPs will be developed to monitor effects as a result of the Project and to ensure that effects are documented and mitigated. The EEMPs will cover the following components:*

- i. Performance of sea cages;*
- ii. Genetic and ecological interactions of escaped farmed salmon on wild salmon;*
- iii. Genetic and ecological interactions of escaped farmed lumpfish on lumpfish;*
- iv. Performance of European-strain triploid fish;*
- v. Fish, marine mammals, and seabird;*
- vi. Benthic habitat health;*
- vii. Groundwater quantity and quality at the hatchery; and*
- viii. Climate and Weather.”*

In July of 2019, Grieg NL submitted an EEMP for the Climate and Weather, and an EEMP for Fish, Marine Mammals, and Seabirds, to the Director of the Environmental Assessment Division. The EEMPs were subject to a review by the project intergovernmental reviewing committee. The EEMPs are found to be acceptable and are therefore approved.

Please be aware that you must abide by all commitments made in the EEMP for Climate and Weather and the EEMP for Fish, Marine Mammals, and Seabirds, and that any significant changes will be subject to additional review and approval. Although final, the EEMPs 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 Ms. Joanne Sweeney, Director (A) of the Environmental Assessment Division at (709) 729-0673, or by email at [joannesweeney@gov.nl.ca](mailto:joannesweeney@gov.nl.ca).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Bragg".

**DERRICK BRAGG, MHA**  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment  
District of Fogo Island-Cape Freels

cc: Jeff Dwyer, MHA  
Placentia West-Bellevue