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Reg. #1834

Mr. Knut Skeidsvoll
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Grieg NL Seafarms Ltd.
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Dear Mr. Skeidsvoll:

RE: Environmental Effects Monitoring Plans for Sea Cage Performance and for Benthic Habitat Health 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.”*

On July 9, 2019, Grieg NL submitted an EEMP for the Performance of Sea Cages and an EEMP for Benthic Habitat Health to the EA Director. The EEMPs were subject to a review by the project intergovernmental reviewing committee. The EEMPs were found to be acceptable and are therefore approved.

Please be aware that you must abide by all commitments made in the EEMP for the Performance of Sea Cages and the EEMP for Benthic Habitat Health, and that any significant changes will be subject to additional review and approval. Although final, the EEMPs are considered to be living document 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, Acting Director of the Environmental Assessment Division at (709) 729-0673, or by email at joannesweeney@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa Dempster".

LISA DEMPSTER, MHA
District of Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment

cc: Jeff Dwyer, MHA
Placentia West-Bellevue