

File # 2.1125.0054  
Reg. 2062

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Marbase Cleanerfish Ltd.  
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Dear Mr. Antle:

**RE: Marystown Marbase Cleanerfish Hatchery**

Your proposal has been reviewed by an interdepartmental environmental assessment screening committee and an opportunity to comment has been provided to the public as required by Part X of the Newfoundland and Labrador *Environmental Protection Act*, SNL 2002, cE-14.2. Upon consideration of the comments received, please be advised that an Environmental Preview Report (EPR) is required.

The EPR is necessary to provide information concerning the potential effects of the undertaking on the surrounding environment. Additional information requirements shall include, but are not limited to:

- Description of the potential impacts on wild lumpfish related to harvesting for broodstock development;
- Detailed description of water quality treatments and monitoring programs for both intake and outflow waters;
- Biosecurity measures that will be undertaken to ensure the health of the hatchery lumpfish and the health of the surrounding environmental as a result of the hatchery; and
- Waste management, including sludge handling, dewatering, characteristics of the end-product, and plan to deal with mass mortality.

A summary of the comments received from government agencies during the registration review is attached to provide you with advice for your consideration and inclusion in your project and in the EPR.

An Environmental Assessment Committee will be appointed for the purpose of providing you with technical and scientific advice regarding the preparation of an EPR. As per the legislative requirements, within 60 days of the date of this letter you will be issued guidelines for the completion of the EPR. 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.

If you have any questions concerning these matters, please contact Ms. Joanne Sweeney, Director, at (709)729-0673 or [joannesweeney@gov.nl.ca](mailto:joannesweeney@gov.nl.ca).

Sincerely,



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