

December 4, 2020

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Reg. # 2062

Mr. Paul Antle
Marbase Cleanerfish Ltd.
137 LeMarchant Road
St. John's, NL A1C 2H3

Dear Mr. Antle:

Re: Marystown Marbase Cleanerfish Hatchery

The Environmental Preview Report (EPR) submitted on October 20, 2020 has been reviewed and an opportunity to comment has been provided to the Environmental Assessment Committee (EAC) and the public, as required by the *Environmental Protection Act, SNL 2002, cE-14.2*. Upon consideration of the comments received, please be advised that this undertaking is released from further environmental assessment, subject to the following conditions:

- You are required to uphold all commitments made in your environmental assessment submission to mitigate the effects of the project on the environment.
- In the event that a switch from seawater to groundwater as a water supply is deemed necessary, Water Resources Management Division will require Marbase Hatchery to enter a Memorandum of Agreement with Water Resources Management Division for real time water quality/quantity monitoring of the groundwater source.
- You are required to advise the Environmental Assessment Division when each of the conditions of release has been met, if required, by emailing a written description, documents, and images (where applicable) to demonstrate that the conditions have been fulfilled to EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca.

- You are required to update the Environmental Assessment Division on the status of the project, including a copy of all permits, licences, certificates, approvals and other authorizations required for the project, within one year from the date of this release letter and to provide additional updates, if requested. Please email project updates to EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca.

Federal and provincial government departments and agencies that reviewed your project during the environmental assessment provide the following advice:

The Water Resources Management Division of my department advises that permits are required for any work in any body of water (including wetland), any work in Shore Water Zones, and any infilling work within fifteen (15) metres of a body of water and any infilling dredging work. In addition, you must obtain a water use licence for the use of water from any water source for any purpose. The Water Resources Management Division also advises that any effluent or runoff leaving the site will be required to conform to the requirements of the *Environmental Control Water and Sewage Regulations, 2003*. For further information, please contact the Water Resources Management Division at (709) 729- 2563.

The Pollution Prevention Division of my Department reminds you that all waters discharged from the proposed site during construction and operation are subject to compliance with the Environmental Control Water and Sewage Regulations, under the Water Resources Act. You are also reminded that all pesticide purchase, storage and use is subject to compliance of the Pesticide Control Regulations, 2012, under the Environmental Protection Act. The Regulations stipulate that an Applicator must be licensed for the class of pesticide which is intended to be applied. Also, the regulations stipulate that a Pesticide Operator Licence is required in order to purchase pesticides unless otherwise exempted by the regulations. For further information, please contact the Pollution Prevention Division at (709) 729-5782.

The Local Governance and Land Use Planning Division of my Department advises that a development permit from the Town of Marystown is required for this undertaking. For further information, please contact the Town at (709) 279-1661.

The Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture advises that an Aquaculture Licence is required for this project that will encompass a comprehensive federal and provincial referral process. The Licence application will also require the following: an Environmental and Waste Management Plan; an Incident Management System Plan; a Production Plan; a statement indicating veterinary oversight and the Designated Veterinarian; and a Fish Health Management Plan that includes a Biosecurity Plan, Integrated Pest Management Plan and Fish Disposal Plan. For further information, please contact the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture, Aquaculture Branch at (709) 292-4100.

The Occupational Health and Safety Division of the Department of Digital Government and Service NL advises you to ensure that the activities associated with the development are conducted in compliance with the Occupational Health and Safety Act and its Regulations. This includes the responsibility for ensuring that contractors hired to perform work also comply with this legislation. The Occupational Health and Safety Division reminds you to consider procedures related to the protection of workers related to COVID-19. Procedures must follow the requirements set forth by the Chief Medical Officer of Newfoundland and Labrador (e.g. physical distancing, handwashing).

The Government Services Centre of the Department of Digital Government and Service NL advises that you are to submit and seek approval for electrical plans, septic plans, and compliance with fire and life safety and building accessibility requirements. For further information on development permits and approvals, please contact the Government Service Centre at (709) 279-0837.

Fisheries and Oceans Canada advises that you must submit your project for review by the Fish and Fish Habitat Protection Program. Information on the project review process is available at <http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/index-eng.html>. You are also advised to contact the Fish and Fish Habitat Protection Program directly at (709) 746-1400.


Transport Canada advises that you are required to receive approval to occupy Federal Land under the Ports Program and receive approval under the Canadian Navigable Waters Act for this project. It is acknowledged that this project has been posted on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry (<https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/proj/80817#projectSummary>) since June 30, 2020.

Although the undertaking as proposed is released from further environmental assessment, it is still subject to other legislative requirements. A summary of the comments received from government agencies during the review is attached to provide an indication of likely applicable permits, approvals and legislative requirements. You must comply with all relevant legislation and obtain all necessary permits and approvals. You are required to inform this Department of any proposed significant changes to the undertaking.

Please note that in accordance with Section 17 of the Environmental Assessment Regulations, the Minister's decision is valid for a period of three years from the date of this letter. If you have not commenced your project within this three-year period, you may apply to extend the three-year period for a maximum of three one-year periods, if needed. For further information, please email EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca.

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

Sincerely,



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Enclosures