

July 3, 2020

Reg. #1834

Mr. Knut Skeidsvoll
Grieg Seafood Newfoundland Ltd.
PO Box 457
Marystown NL A0E 2M0

Dear Mr. Skeidsvoll:

RE: Environmental Effects Monitoring Plan for the Performance of European–strain Triploid Fish

On September 5, 2018, the Placentia Bay Atlantic Salmon Aquaculture Project was released from environmental assessment, subject to conditions. One of those conditions 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 December 5, 2019, the Environmental Assessment Division received a draft copy of the Grieg NL EEMP for the Performance of European–strain Triploid Fish. The draft EEMP was distributed to the intergovernmental committee for review, and Grieg NL worked with the reviewing committee to provide an EEMP that was satisfactory to the committee. The final version of the EEMP for the Performance of European–strain Triploid Fish submitted by Grieg NL on June 23, 2020 is acceptable to the committee and is therefore approved.

Please be aware that you must abide by all commitments made in the EEMP, 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Derrick Bragg".

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

cc: Jeff Dwyer, MHA
Placentia West-Bellevue