



Government of Newfoundland and Labrador  
Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment  
Water Resources Management Division

**MARINE AQUACULTURE WATER USE LICENCE/PERMIT**  
**Commercial (Marine Aquaculture)**

Pursuant to the *Water Resources Act*, SNL 2002 cW-4.01

Date of Issuance: OCTOBER 11, 2017

No: MAWULP-17-9401  
File: 515

Licensee/Holder: **Big Blue Seafood Products Inc.**  
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Attention: **Lucas Eveleigh**

Re: **Aquaculture Facility in The Reach, Chapel Island, Notre Dame Bay**

The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment (the "Minister") hereby grants a non-exclusive right to: **Big Blue Seafood Products Inc.** (the "Licensee/Holder") to install and operate an aquaculture facility and use the water column for aquaculture with an estimated total area of 275.0 hectares in The Reach, Chapel Island, Notre Dame Bay (49.°24'31"N, 54°41'27"W), in reference to the plans submitted with the application received on May 29, 2014 and further information provided by the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture on July 9, 2014.


This Licence/Permit is subject to the terms and conditions stated herein and the *Water Resources Act* and regulations thereunder. Appendix A (attached) forms part and parcel of this Licence/Permit.

This Licence/Permit does not release the Licensee/Holder from the obligation to obtain appropriate approvals or permits from other concerned municipal, provincial and federal agencies.

It should be noted that prior approval of any significant change(s) in the plans and/or the associated systems and works must be obtained from the Minister.

The Licensee/Holder shall complete and return the attached Notification of Acceptance of Marine Aquaculture Water Use Licence/Permit (attached) to the Water Rights, Investigations, and Modelling Section of the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment within thirty (30) days of receipt of this Licence/Permit.

Failure to comply with the terms and conditions set out herein will render this Licence/Permit null and void, place the Licensee/Holder and/or its agent(s) in violation of the *Water Resources Act*, and cause the Licensee/Holder to be responsible for any and all remedial measures which may be prescribed by the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment.

  
MINISTER

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APPENDIX A  
TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR MARINE AQUACULTURE WATER USE LICENCE/PERMIT

The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment (the "Minister") hereby grants a non-exclusive water right to: **Big Blue Seafood Products Inc.** (the "Licensee Holder") to install and operate an aquaculture facility and use the water column for aquaculture with an estimated total area of 275.0 hectares in The Reach, Chapel Island, Notre Dame Bay (49.°24'31"N, 54°41'27"W), in reference to the plans submitted with the application received on May 29, 2014 and further information provided by the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture on July 9, 2014.

1. The designated purpose of the water use is "*Commercial Aquaculture*".
2. The Licensee Holder shall not impair, pollute or cause to be polluted the quality of the water.
3. The Licensee Holder shall secure the aquaculture gear by suitable anchors to prevent dislodgement due to wave action and clearly mark the perimeter of the facility with cautionary buoys.
4. The Licensee Holder shall immediately notify the Minister if any problem arises which may adversely affect water or public safety or any and all water users. The Licensee Holder shall be responsible for any environmental or property damage, or personal injury arising from dislodgement caused by wind, wave, or ice action, or structural failure or from other water related problems.
5. In the event that the site is no longer being used during the term created by this Licence Permit, the Licensee Holder shall remove the aquaculture gear and other work(s)/system(s) associated with and restore all areas affected by this facility to a state that resembles local natural conditions. Further remedial measures to mitigate environmental impacts on water resources and all areas affected by this facility can and will be specified, if necessary in the opinion of this Department.
6. The Licensee Holder acknowledges and agrees that this Licence Permit does not grant any interest in land or any right to construct onshore facilities. This Licence Permit supersedes and cancels in whole WUL-14-038.
7. The Licensee Holder agrees to abide by such further terms and conditions and directives as may be issued by the Minister of Environment and Conservation from time to time in relation to the site referenced in this Licence Permit.
8. Ownership of water rights remains with the Crown and is not transferred. The Licence Permit only provides a permission for the Licensee Holder to use water for the purpose indicated herein. The rights and liberties granted by this Licence Permit may only be sold, assigned, transferred, leased, mortgaged, sublet or otherwise given away by the Licensee Holder by obtaining prior written approval from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment.
9. This Licence Permit shall remain in force and effect until such time as the Aquaculture Licence of the Licensee Holder is not renewed by the Licensee Holder or is cancelled by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador or his successor in office pursuant to the provisions of the *Aquaculture Act*, RSN 1990, c.A-13 or until such time as it is revoked by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador or his successor in office for failure to comply with one or more of the provisions of this Licence Permit (as amended from time to time) or with the provisions of the *Water Resources Act*, SNI, 2002 c.W-4.01 and any regulations in effect thereunder from time to time and any other relevant legislation enacted by the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador in the future.
10. The Licensee Holder indemnifies and holds the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment or his successor in office and Government harmless against any and all liabilities, losses, claims, demands, damages or expenses including legal expenses of any nature whatsoever whether arising in tort, contract, statute, trust or otherwise resulting directly or indirectly from the water rights granted under this Licence Permit, or any act or omission of the Licensee Holder, or arising out of a breach or non-performance of any of the terms and conditions, and provisions of this Licence Permit by the Licensee Holder.

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**NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF MARINE AQUACULTURE WATER USE LICENCE/PERMIT**  
Aquaculture Facility in The Reach, Chapel Island, Notre Dame Bay

As a Licensee/Holder of Marine Aquaculture Water Use Licence/Permit No. MAWUL/P-17-9401, issued on OCTOBER 11, 2017 pursuant to the *Water Resources Act*, **Big Blue Seafood Products Inc.** (the "Licensee/Holder"), fully understands and agrees to accept this Licence/Permit and abide by all terms and conditions, reservations, exceptions and provisions stated therein. The Licensee/Holder acknowledges that failure to abide by the terms and conditions, reservations, exceptions and provisions indicated in Appendix A of the Licence/Permit and the *Water Resources Act* will render the Licence/Permit null and void, place the Licensee/Holder and or their agent(s) in violation of the *Water Resources Act* and regulations thereunder. **In the event that the site is no longer being used during the term created by this Licence/Permit, the Licensee/Holder fully understands and agrees to accept the full responsibility for the removal of the aquaculture gear and other systems and works associated with and restore all areas affected by this facility to a state that resembles local natural conditions. Further, the Licensee/Holder fully understands and agrees to accept the full responsibility for any and all remedial measures to mitigate environmental impacts on water resources and all areas affected by this facility which can be and will be specified if necessary in the opinion of the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment.**

Signed, sealed, and delivered by  
**Big Blue Seafood Products Inc.**,  
in accordance with its rules and  
regulations in that behalf

at \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017 in the presence  
of:

Witness

Per: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signing Officer

Seal:

**Important:** The attached Marine Aquaculture Water Use Licence/Permit is not valid unless the Licensee/Holder completes and returns this notification to the address above within thirty (30) days of receipt.