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Reg. #1975

Gideon Pringle
Managing Director
Mowi Canada East Inc.
2 Salar Court
Saint George, NB E5C 3N1
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Dear Gideon Pringle:

RE: Indian Head Hatchery Expansion Project (the Project)

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** (the **Act**), SNL2002, cE-14.2. Upon consideration of the options available under the Act following review of the Environmental Preview Report, and the comments received, I have concluded that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required.

In accordance with section 57 of the **Act**, you will be issued guidelines that will define the information required to be submitted as part of the EIS. Additional Project information requirements include, but are not limited to:

- environmental baseline information associated with saltwater farm sites and wild Atlantic salmon populations in the Project area;
- potential effects of the Project on the marine environment, including ecological interactions with, and effects on, wild Atlantic salmon;
- a discussion of cumulative effects on the marine environment in the Project area;
- measures that will be undertaken to mitigate adverse environmental effects;
- monitoring for aquaculture escapees in Bay Management Areas; and
- methods for identification/traceability of farmed salmon.

As per section 58 of the **Act**, during the EIS process you will be required to hold a public information session in the local community to inform the public about the Project and record and respond to the concerns of the local community regarding the potential environmental effects of the Project.



Please be reminded that, in accordance with the **Act**, Project activities may not proceed until the proposal is released from the environmental assessment process.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Hon. Bernard Davis, MHA".

HON. BERNARD DAVIS, MHA
District of Virginia Waters – Pleasantville
Minister

Cc: Hon. Elvis Loveless, MHA – Fortune Bay-Cape La Hune
Tony Wakeham, MHA – Stephenville-Port au Port
Aaron Bennett – Mowi Canada East Inc.