

Fish Processing Licensing Board Meeting

August 15, 2023

Board Recommendation

Dear Minister Loveless,

The Fish Processing Licensing Board (Board), met via tele-conference on August 15, 2023. The Board considered one application that was comprised of the following:

- Quinlan Brothers Limited (QBL), Bay de Verde, for the addition of Salmonids (Aquaculture), to their existing fish processing licence.

The Board is making the following recommendation:

1. Quinlan Brothers Limited (QBL), Bay de Verde, has a primary fish processing licence for groundfish (all species), snow crab, and pelagics (all species).

The Bay de Verde processing facility was destroyed by a devastating fire in April 2016. Company officials immediately started cleanup, began construction on a new state-of-the-art facility, and started operation again in April 2017, mainly for snow crab processing. A large section of the facility, nearly 4,000 square metres, has remained undeveloped for further expansion and new opportunities. QBL publically announced earlier this spring that the company has entered into a business arrangement with Grieg Seafood Newfoundland Limited (Grieg), whereby QBL will become the exclusive producer of farmed salmon harvested by Grieg from their salmon farming sites in the province with harvesting to begin later this fall.

QBL has confirmed to the Board that they have an agreement in place with Grieg to process these fish when they reach marketable size and are ready for harvest. Salmon will be transported to QBL in Bay de Verde for processing and packaging. Grieg will ship the finished product to its markets.

There were no letters of objection or support received during the period of advertisement.

It is the Board's view, that the QBL operations on the Bay de Verde peninsula are a significant contributor towards rural sustainability. This expansion will create increased employment opportunities for people in the local area, including the prospect of year round employment for some existing employees from their crab operation. After careful consideration, it was concluded that there were no mitigating circumstances that would not warrant granting this species addition to their existing processing primary licence.

The Board recommends **approving** the addition of Salmonids (Aquaculture), to the fish processing licence for Quinlan Brothers Limited, Bay de Verde.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bill Carter".

Bill Carter
Chair, Fish Processing Licensing Board

August 25, 2023

Date