

Fish Processing Licensing Board Meeting

December 11, 2020

Board Recommendations

Dear Minister Loveless,

The Fish Processing Licensing Board (Board), held a conference call on December 11, 2020. The Board considered two applications that were comprised of the following:

- Addition of snow crab to an existing primary processing licence for Bay Roberts Seafoods Limited, Bay Roberts and;
- Addition of groundfish (all species), pelagics (all species), snow crab, shrimp, and lobster to an existing primary processing licence for Labrador Gem Seafood Inc., Ramea.

The Board is making the following recommendations:

1. Bay Roberts Seafoods Limited, Bay Roberts, has a primary processing licence for groundfish (all species), pelagics (all species), lobster, and lumpfish. The company has requested to add snow crab to an existing primary processing licence. There were 7 letters of objection and 1 letter of support received. It's the Board's view that the species snow crab, is now fully utilized within the area (resource availability and regional balance). After careful consideration, it has been concluded that there are no other mitigating circumstances that would warrant granting this species authorization.

The Board recommends **not approving** the addition of snow crab to an existing primary processing licence for Bay Roberts Seafoods Limited, Bay Roberts.

2. Labrador Gem Seafoods Inc., Ramea, has a primary processing licence for scallop, whelk, sea cucumber, lumpfish, and sea urchin. The company has requested to add groundfish (all species), pelagics (all species), lobster, snow crab and shrimp to an existing primary processing licence. There were 8 letters of objection and 1 letter of support received. The Board took into consideration the issues of regional balance and economic viability of the area and noted that there are no primary processing licences in the area and are therefore recommending approving the addition of groundfish (all species), pelagics (all species) and lobster to the existing processing licence for Labrador Gem Seafoods Inc. It's the Board's view that no new processing licences for snow crab or shrimp be issued, due to drastic declines in the resource over the past several years and absent of any other mitigating circumstances (resource availability and regional balance), that would warrant granting these species authorizations under licensing policy.

The Board recommends **approving** the addition of groundfish (all species), pelagics (all species), and lobster to an existing primary processing licence for Labrador Gem Seafood Inc., Ramea.

The Board recommends **not approving** the addition of snow crab and shrimp.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Reg Anstey".

Reg Anstey

Chair, Fish Processing Licensing Board

December 18, 2020

Date