

STATEMENT FROM NORTHERN HARVEST SMOLT LTD

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Ecojustice's application for judicial review of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment's decision to release the Indian Head Hatchery expansion project from further environmental assessment is unfortunate, and without merit.

The Minister acted lawfully and in compliance with the Environmental Protection Act and the Environmental Assessment Regulations in determining that the expansion of the existing hatchery did not require further environmental assessment. The fact that the applicants disagree with the Minister's decision does not mean it was unlawful.

The aquaculture industry in Newfoundland & Labrador is highly regulated under both federal and provincial laws. The Province of Newfoundland and Labrador has committed to expanding the industry in an environmentally responsible manner; we are proud to play an important part in that expansion, and are committed to doing so in a responsible and sustainable manner.