

**Marine Harvest Atlantic Canada / Northern Harvest Sea Farms  
Statement  
January 29, 2020**

In keeping with the regulations of the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador's Department of Fisheries and Land Resources, Marine Harvest Atlantic Canada and Northern Harvest Sea Farms publicly advise that higher than normal transfer mortalities were observed among 25 gram lumpfish (*Cyclopterus lumpus*) that were transferred to sites. Of approximately 128,000 lumpfish transferred, approximately 23 percent were removed as mortalities. Transfer and post transfer mortality can have many causes, including distance travelled, temperatures and handling. We are reviewing these transfers to identify any areas for improvement, and we are currently working in cooperation with Provincial Government authorities to identify any process improvements. All mortalities were removed immediately through regular site operations.

This disclosure complies with new and strengthened regulations created through partnership between the Provincial Government and industry players.

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