



## **Northern Harvest takes measures to prevent virus**

Northern Harvest Sea Farms (NHSF), a Marine Harvest (MH) company, is depopulating a salmon cage site at a farm on the south coast of Newfoundland (NL) as a proactive measure to address a possible positive Infectious salmon anaemia virus (ISAv) diagnosis.

Preliminary tests indicated a positive result for ISAv in one cage, however, these tests were unconfirmed with follow up testing by a veterinarian working for the provincial government.

While depopulation is not required by government agencies at this time, due to the lack of a definitive positive diagnosis, depopulation is occurring to avoid potential spread of ISAv to other stocks and the environment. NHSF will bear the full cost of this depopulation and will do so using worldwide recognized biosecure procedures under the direct supervision of veterinarians. NHSF will participate in enhanced surveillance in surrounding farms subsequent to the depopulation to ensure no spread of the virus has occurred.

This is a proactive approach initiated by the company at its own discretion and exceeds current ISAv requirements.

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