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Mowi Canada East Public Notice:

Statement Regarding ISAv Confirmation

March 22, 2022 – Newfoundland and Labrador

Mowi Canada East advises of a detection and confirmation of pathogenic infectious salmon anemia (ISAv) during routine sampling at the company's freshwater aquaculture facility located in Stephenville, Newfoundland and Labrador.

ISAv is a naturally occurring virus and is not a human health issue or a food safety issue.

Following all government regulations to protect fish health, the salmon stock was immediately quarantined within the facility upon detection.

The company is currently making plans to euthanize the affected salmon (2.26 million at 104 grams average weight) held in this closed recirculating hatchery using approved and biosecure Standard Operating Procedures. This proactive approach of removing fish following confirmation of ISAv has proven to be the most successful method for managing this virus. The company is taking all responsible steps under the oversight of the Newfoundland and Labrador Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture, and is following government approved policies.

Alan Cook, Managing Director at Mowi Canada East, comments: "All Canadian farmers will understand the despair felt when animals under your care succumb to health challenges – it is disappointing to all those involved, especially our dedicated teams in Stephenville. We have assembled a team of international Mowi experts to assist us in investigating this situation and developing plans for preventing a repeat in future groups."

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About Mowi Canada East:
Mowi Canada East is comprised of hard-working Atlantic Canadian fish farmers who are dedicated to raising premium seafood in rural communities across New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland and Labrador. Mowi Canada East is part of the Mowi ASA group, the world's largest producer of Atlantic salmon.