

Northern Harvest Smolt Limited
Statement
March 27, 2020

Northern Harvest Smolt Limited advises that there was a suspect detection of infectious salmon anemia (ISA) in three Atlantic Salmon parr during routine sampling at the hatchery located in Stephenville, Newfoundland and Labrador. This is a suspect detection, and has not yet been confirmed by regulatory authorities.

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency and the Aquatic Animal Health Division of the Provincial Government of Newfoundland and Labrador will now conduct their own sampling to determine if the sampling result can be replicated, or if the result was a false positive. Our company is following all government approved regulations to protect fish health, and all fish at the location have been quarantined.

ISA is a naturally occurring virus and is not a human health issue or a food safety issue. As noted, the suspect positive result was identified as part of our company's rigorous and routine testing regimen, which reflects our commitment to ensuring only healthy fish are grown at our facility.

The disclosure of this suspect detection on the provincial industry association website within 24 hours of the detection taking place complies with new and strengthened public reporting regulations. Further information will be made public on this matter once testing by regulators has been completed.

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