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**Mowi Canada East Public Notice:**

**Statement Regarding Confirmed ISAv Detection**

**January 27, 2022 – Newfoundland and Labrador**

Mowi Canada East advises that there has been a confirmed detection of Infectious Salmon Anaemia virus (ISAv) at its Friar Cove marine site (AQ#1148) located off the south coast of Newfoundland. This detection of ISAv was identified through the Provincial Government Department of Fisheries, Forestry, and Agriculture's species specific aquatic animal health surveillance program.

The detection occurred in two cages containing a total of approximately 165,000 fish. The marine site is comprised of eight cages containing a total population of approximately 742,711 fish. These fish are an average of approximately 1 kilogram in size.

The company will remove the fish from the affected cages using approved and biosecure Standard Operating Procedures. This proactive approach of removing fish following a detection 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.

ISAv is a naturally occurring virus and is not a human health issue or a food safety issue. The disclosure of this detection on the provincial industry association website within 24 hours of the detection complies with policy AP 17.

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**About Mowi Canada East:**

Mowi Canada East is comprised of more than 200 hard-working Atlantic Canadian sea 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.

