

**Marine Harvest Atlantic Canada
Statement Regarding ISAv Detection
December 11, 2020**

Marine Harvest Atlantic Canada (MHAC) advises that there has been a suspect detection of Infectious Salmon Anaemia virus (ISAv) at the Wallace Cove marine site (AQ#1123) located off the south coast of Newfoundland.

This suspect detection of ISAv occurred in one Atlantic salmon sampled through the Provincial Government Department of Fisheries, Forestry, and Agriculture's species specific aquatic animal health surveillance program.

The cage at the Wallace Cove marine site from which the suspect detection occurred contains approximately 98,825 fish, and the marine site is comprised of nine cages containing a total population of approximately 810,000 fish.

MHAC is working with federal and provincial authorities and following best practices in the handling of these farms. These marine sites have been quarantined, and the company is following all regulatory requirements. If this suspect detection is confirmed, MHAC will advise of response measures within 24 hours of confirmation, as per provincial policy.

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

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