

**Northern Harvest Sea Farms  
Update Statement Regarding ISAv Detection  
December 19, 2020**

Northern Harvest Sea Farms NL Limited (NHSF) advises that the suspect detection of Infectious Salmon Anaemia virus (ISAv) at its Steamers Head marine site (AQ#1050) and its McGrath Cove North marine site (AQ #886), both located off the south coast of Newfoundland, has been confirmed.

The quarantine order that was issued by the Department of Fisheries, Forestry, and Agriculture for the sites upon suspect detection remains in effect.

In response to this confirmation, and in keeping with best practice, NHSF is depopulating all the Atlantic salmon raised in the cages identified as positive through the Provincial Government's aquatic animal health surveillance program. NHSF is carrying out the fish removal using approved biosecure Standard Operating Procedures, and all responsible actions in its response are being taken under the oversight of the Newfoundland and Labrador Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture.

Per provincial policy AP-17, the suspect positive detection of ISAv at Steamers Head marine site and McGrath Cove North marine site was disclosed within 24 hours, and per provincial policy AP-17, NHSF announced the confirmation within 24 hours.

We remind that ISAv is not a human health issue or a food safety issue. We thank our staff for their hard work and professionalism as they respond to this issue.

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