

**Marine Harvest Atlantic Canada
Public Notice: Final Status Update for “The Gorge” Site (AQ#1135)
October 12, 2021**

Marine Harvest Atlantic Canada advises that the abnormal mortality event experienced at “The Gorge” site (AQ#1135) off the coast of Newfoundland is ended. A total of approximately 489,000 Atlantic salmon were removed from site as a result of the event that was originally reported to the public on [September 11, 2021](#) and updated on [September 21, 2021](#).

The farm site will be fallowed (i.e. emptied) during the week of October 18th 2021.

Salmon mortalities occur during harvest activity. All support vessels, contractors, and the seiner currently at site will remain to expedite the harvest, maintain site activity, and prepare for fallowing.

Marine Harvest Atlantic Canada invested in deep netting and aeration equipment that helped protect our fish and improve survivability in the area through the event. As we review the event, we will look for opportunities to make further adaptations to improve farming outcomes at this site.

Marine Harvest Atlantic Canada has taken all responsible steps under the oversight of the Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans and the Provincial Newfoundland and Labrador Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture, and has followed government approved policies for reporting.

We thank our farming, operations, and processing teams; as well as our key regional supply and service providers for their hard work and responsiveness to this matter.

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