



Nova Fish Farms Inc.

A division of Ocean Trout Canada Inc.

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**Statement regarding the detection of a
federally reportable disease for a licensed aquaculture site**

In accordance with the Newfoundland and Labrador Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture policy AP 17, Nova Fish Farms Inc. publicly advises that the company received a positive detection for Infectious Pancreatic Necrosis virus (IPNV) at the Muddy Hole (AQ# 500) marine cage site. The farm site is located in the Bay d’Espoir, NL and contains 5 cages that are stocked with approximately 147,243 steelhead trout, weighing 550g. One out of five cages is impacted, which contains approximately 24,000 steelhead trout.

IPNV is endemic in Atlantic Canada and is not known to cause clinical signs of disease. IPNV does not infect humans and is not a risk to food safety. The company has taken all the responsible steps under the oversight of the Newfoundland and Labrador Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture and is following government approved policies. No further action is required at this time.

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