

December 10, 2024

In June 2023, the Government of Canada, the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, Miawpukek First Nation, Qalipu First Nation, and the Town of Burgeo signed a Memorandum of Understanding to collaborate on an assessment of the feasibility of creating a National Marine Conservation Area (NMCA) along the southwest coast of Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Newfoundland Aquaculture Industry Association, our salmon and trout farming member companies, and our service / supply member companies have serious concerns about the potential establishment of this NMCA as salmonid farming and other activities will be prohibited within the NMCA.

The area under assessment represents an important expansion area for the salmonid aquaculture sector in Newfoundland. Denying this expansion would have serious repercussions for sector growth and will negatively affect the economic development of communities on the south coast as well as the service / supply sector throughout the province, putting investment plans and livelihoods at risk.

In November NAIA asked our member companies to send letters to the provincial government to support industry's request for a boundary change for the proposed NMCA. NAIA and our Board of Directors would like to thank the following organizations which sent letters to the Premier on NL and select NL Ministers:

- Go Deep International Inc.
- Connaigre Fish Farms Inc.
- TayAus Diving Ltd
- Bioretur AS
- Trade Wind Biotech Co. Ltd.
- AquaMarine Services
- AKVA Group
- Maloney Diving Incorporated
- Coast of Bays Joint Mayors Association
- Scott Anderson Limited – MV Nancy Jillian
- CBDC South Coast
- Innovasea Systems Inc.
- Cyr Couturier for Fisheries and Marine  
Institute of Memorial University
- NL Marine Organics
- Truefoam Newfoundland
- Sapphire Sea Farms
- AIMS Ltd
- Optimar AS
- Canadian Salmon Ltd.
- Newfoundland Aqua Services Ltd.
- Thornhill's Bus Service Ltd.
- 360 Marine Ltd.
- Food and Beverage Atlantic
- Burin Peninsula Chamber of Commerce
- Town of Belleoram
- Town of Grand Falls-Windsor
- Town of Harbour Breton
- Town of Hermitage-Sandyville
- Town of Milltown - Head of Bay d'Espoir
- Town of Morrisville
- Town of Rencontre East
- Town of St. Alban's
- Town of St. Jacques - Coombs Cove

NOTE: Other organizations have submitted letters but as of publication time some have not yet approved the publication of their organization name. As correspondences were private NAIA will not list organizations unless authorized.