

**DOCUMENT "A"**  
**MINISTER'S DETERMINATION**  
**CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL**

Pursuant to Regulation 87-83 under the Clean Environment Act  
July 31, 2017  
File Number: 4561-3-1460

1. In accordance with section 6(6) of the Regulation, it has been determined that the undertaking may proceed following approval under all other applicable acts and regulations.
2. Commencement of this undertaking must occur within three years of the date of this Determination. Should commencement not be possible within this time period, the undertaking must be registered under the *Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulation (87-83) – Clean Environment Act* again, unless otherwise stated by the Minister of Environment and Local Government.
3. The proponent shall adhere to all obligations, commitments, monitoring and mitigation measures presented in the EIA registration document dated May 02, 2017, as well as all those identified in subsequent correspondence during the registration review. Additionally, the proponent shall submit a summary table detailing the status of each Condition listed in this Determination to the Manager of the Environmental Assessment (EA) Section, Department of Environment & Local Government (DELG) every 6 months from the date of this Determination until such a time as all the Conditions have been met or until it is deemed (by the Manager, EA Section, DELG) to be no longer necessary.
4. The following Conditions apply to phase 1 of the project as described in the registration document dated May 02, 2017. All future project phases must be submitted to the Manager, EA Section, Department of Environment and Local Government for review and approval prior to their commencement, and may be subject to additional requirements.
5. Prior to processing green sea urchin onsite and/or exporting outside of the province or country, the facility must be registered with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) in order to ensure it meets CFIA's regulatory requirements. For more information, the proponent should contact their local CFIA office at 99 Mount Pleasant Road, P. O. Box 1036, St. George NB, E5C 3S9, Tel.: (506) 755-5150.
6. Prior to commencing the project, the proponent shall obtain an *Inland Commercial Aquaculture License* from the Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries (DAAF). For more information, please contact DAAF's St. George Regional Office at: (506) 755-4289.
7. Prior to the commencement of any activity within 30 meters of a watercourse or wetland, the proponent must first apply for and obtain a *Watercourse and Wetland Alteration Permit*. For more information, please contact the Manager, Watercourse and Wetland Alteration Program, DELG at (506) 444-5149.

8. Prior to developing any new water supply, the proponent must first contact the Manager, EA Section, DELG in order to determine if there are any EIA, hydrogeological testing, permit or approval requirements.
9. Prior to initiating phase 1, the proponent must first apply for and obtain a Water Quality Approval to Operate. For more information, please contact the Approvals Coordinator, Impact Management Branch, DELG at (506) 444-4339.
10. A flowmeter must be installed at the facility's water inlet and the data recorded, in order to track the facility's water usage.
11. In order to limit the potential for impacts to groundwater, the transfer of salt water must take place on an impermeable surface.
12. All un-used water wells on the project property must be decommissioned in accordance with the *Guidelines for the decommissioning (abandonment) of Water Wells*:  
<http://www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Departments/env/pdf/Water-au/DecommissioningWaterWells.pdf>.
13. The proponent shall prepare and submit an Environmental Management Plan (EMP) applicable to each phase of this project. The EMP must contain, but is not limited to the following sub-components:
  - a. An Environmental Protection Plan (EPP) that links mitigation to location;
  - b. A Spill Contingency Plan that:
    - i. Indicates how any hazardous materials (e.g. fuels, lubricants, hydraulic oil) and wastes (e.g. waste oil) that are kept on site will be managed to minimize the risk of chronic and/or accidental releases. E.g. refueling and maintenance activities should be conducted on level terrain, at a suitable distance from environmentally sensitive areas including watercourses and wetlands, and on a prepared impermeable surface with a collection system.
    - ii. Includes details on how the proponent will regularly inspect the concrete tanks for deterioration/leakage and ensure that any salt water leakage from the concrete tanks is promptly contained.
    - iii. Includes details on how all spills or leaks, such as those from machinery, will be promptly contained and cleaned up (sorbents should be available for quick containment and recovery), and reported to the 24-hour environmental emergencies reporting system (Maritime Provinces 1-800-565-1633).
  - c. Mitigation measures to minimize invasive species from vegetating the site;
    - i. For example, a variety of species of plants native to the general project area should be used in revegetation efforts. Should seed mixes for herbaceous native species for the area not be available, it should be ensured that plants used in revegetation efforts are not known to be invasive. Measures to diminish the risk of introducing invasive species be developed and implemented during all project phases. These measures could include:
      - Cleaning and inspecting construction equipment prior to transport from elsewhere to ensure that no matter is attached to the machinery (e.g., use of pressure water hose to clean vehicles prior to transport); and

- Regularly inspecting equipment prior to, during and immediately following construction in areas found to support Purple Loosestrife to ensure that vegetative matter is not transported from one construction area to another.
14. In the event of the sale, lease, or any other conveyance or change of control of the project, or any portion thereof, the proponent must provide written acknowledgement from the lessee, controller or purchaser confirming that they will comply with the Conditions of this Determination to the Manager, EA Section, DELG.
  15. The proponent shall ensure that all developers, contractors and operators associated with the construction and operation of the project are aware of and comply with the above requirements.