

**Northern Harvest Sea Farms
Update Statement Regarding ISAv Detection
October 22, 2020**

Northern Harvest Sea Farms NL Limited (NHSF) advises that the suspect detection of Infectious Salmon Anaemia virus (ISAv) at its Ironskull Point marine site (AQ#865) 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 site upon suspect detection remains in effect.

In response to this confirmation, and in keeping with best practice, NHSF is removing all Atlantic salmon raised in the same cage with the two fish identified as positive through the Provincial Government's aquatic animal health surveillance program. Fish from all other cages at the site have tested negative. 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 discovery of ISAv at Ironskull Point marine site was disclosed within 24 hours of detection on October 9, and per provincial policy AP-17, NHSF announced the confirmation and our response within 24 hours of confirmation.

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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