

**Northern Harvest Sea Farms
Statement Regarding ISAv Detection
December 11, 2020**

Northern Harvest Sea Farms NL Limited (NHSF) advises that there has been a suspect detection of Infectious Salmon Anaemia virus (ISAv) at the Steamers Head marine site (AQ#1050) located off the south coast of Newfoundland.

This suspect detection of ISAv occurred in two Atlantic salmon, one from each of two cages sampled through the Provincial Government Department of Fisheries, Forestry, and Agriculture's species specific aquatic animal health surveillance program.

The two cages at the Steamers Head marine site from which the suspect detection occurred contain approximately 260,000 fish, and the marine site is comprised of four cages containing a total population of approximately 518,000 fish.

NHSF is working with federal and provincial authorities and following best practices in the handling of these farms. These marine sites have been quarantined, and the company is following all regulatory requirements. If this suspect detection is confirmed, NHSF will advise of response measures within 24 hours of confirmation, as per provincial policy.

ISAv is a naturally occurring virus and is not a human health issue or a food safety issue. The disclosure of this suspect detection on the provincial industry association website within 24 hours of the detection complies with policy AP 17.

-30-

Communications Contact:
Jason Card
Director of Communications
(709) 699 9171
jason.card@mowi.com