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Dale Thompson
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Subject: Environmental Impact Assessment comment request

Dear Mr. Thompson:

In regards to your letter addressed to CFIA of May 25, 2017(encl), I provide the following:

Entities processing fish for export or interprovincial trade must do so in a federally registered establishment. As part of the registration application, the processor must have written controls in place to demonstrate the final product meets applicable food safety standards. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency reviews applications for federal registration and ensures all requirements of the Fish Inspection Regulations are met prior to registration and commencement of any operations.

CFIA inspections of federally registered facilities are not publically posted. A list of current federally registered processing fish facilities may be reviewed here:

<http://www.inspection.gc.ca/food/fish-and-seafood/exports/by-jurisdiction/usa/establishments-approved-for-export/eng/1304428645296/1304428789402>

Under the Health of Animals Act, a person who owns or has the possession, care or control of an animal shall notify the nearest veterinary inspector [CFIA] of the presence of a reportable disease or toxic substance, or any fact indicating its presence, in or around the animal, immediately after the person becomes aware of the presence or fact.

I trust this information will adequately address the questions posed during the public EIA consultation period however; should you require further clarification regarding CFIA regulatory authorities, please feel free to contact me or refer to our website at www.inspection.gc.ca

Best regards,



Mark Cameron
CFIA PEI Regional Operations Coordinator
mark.cameron@inspection.gc.ca

cc Dr. Jean MacLean, CFIA Veterinarian
Ellen McQuaid, CFIA PEI Inspection Manager - Food & Animal



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May 25, 2017

Canadian Food Inspection Agency
c/o Jean MacLean, Veterinarian and Mark Cameron, Regional Coordinator
Charlottetown District Office
690 University Ave, Charlottetown, PE C1E 1E3

Dear Ms. MacLean and Mr. Cameron:

As you are aware, Aqua Bounty Canada Inc. has submitted a proposal to the Department of Communities, Land and Environment (herein the Department) which is undergoing a provincial Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). As part of the EIA process, the Department has been accepting comments and questions from the public on the proposed facility. A number of the comments and questions submitted are related to issues outside the jurisdiction of the province and fall under what we consider to be CFIA's area of expertise with regards to GM salmon. Accordingly, the Department is requesting that you please review the following questions and comments and provide a response on or before June 1, 2017:

- Please clarify what concerns, if any, CFIA has with the proposed off-site processing of GM salmon. Will Aqua Bounty need to submit any special documentation for this to happen?
- Please indicate if the results of CFIA inspections are made public and, if so, where the results can be accessed. If not currently available to the public, is public access to inspection results possible?
- Please elaborate on the areas of concern that CFIA will focus on to ensure the health of the GM fish and the safety of the fish for human consumption.
- Please clarify if Aqua Bounty is required to report to the CFIA the discovery/identification of any pathogen, parasite or disease within the facility.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and if you have any questions feel free to contact me at dethompson@gov.pe.ca or 902-368-5049. In my absence, please contact Greg Wilson, Manager, Environmental Land Management Section at gbwilson@gov.pe.ca or 902-368-5274. Please let me know the anticipated timeline for your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dale Thompson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dale Thompson
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