

Regulated Aquaculture in Newfoundland

The provincial Department of Fisheries, Forestry, and Agriculture (FFA) leads the management of salmon aquaculture in Newfoundland and Labrador with updated policies, procedures, and monitoring designed to minimize effects on the environment.

- Several federal agencies work with FFA to regulate aquaculture.
- Regular submission of inspection reports and audits ensure sea cages and nets are secure; and meet Provincial and manufacturer standards.
- Mandatory fallow periods at sea cage sites are designed to minimize effects on benthic habitat.
- Systematic monitoring of benthic habitat at sea cage sites corresponds to regulatory thresholds for organic matter deposits.
- Biosecurity, Fish Health, and Waste Management Plans are developed with regulators to ensure approved practices for environment and animal welfare.
- Fish stocking and densities in sea cages must follow government standards.
- Health Canada must approve all treatments for fish health management.
- Sea cage site license applications undergo a rigorous scientific review process led by Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO).



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