

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE FISHING AND AQUACULTURE INDUSTRIES**

Between the Governments of:

TASMANIA, as represented by the Minister for Primary Industries and Water (“Tasmania”)

and

NOVA SCOTIA, as represented by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture (“Nova Scotia”);

(Each a “Party” and collectively the “Parties”)

WHEREAS fishing and aquaculture are common industries to Tasmania and Nova Scotia; and

WHEREAS the fishing and aquaculture industries have considerable growth potential in Tasmania and Nova Scotia given their natural aquatic advantages, increasing consumer demand, and the level of expertise acquired by industry, government, and the research community; and

WHEREAS the fishing and aquaculture industries make a significant contribution to employment and wealth, particularly in rural communities; and

WHEREAS the Parties seek to enhance public trust and investor confidence in the fishing and aquaculture sectors; and

WHEREAS Tasmania and Nova Scotia have a common interest with respect to fostering the development of the fishing and aquaculture industries for mutual benefit; and

WHEREAS each Party recognizes the respective constitutional and legal authority of the other Party.

THEREFORE, the Parties agree to share best practices and cooperate on mutually beneficial initiatives that support the sustainable development of the fishing and aquaculture sectors, as set out under the provisions agreed to herein.

1. OBJECTIVE

For the Parties to promote the economically, socially, and environmentally sustainable development of the fishing and aquaculture industries in Tasmania and Nova Scotia

through actions including, but not limited to, increasing areas of cooperation between the Parties, sharing information and expertise, and partnering on mutually beneficial initiatives.

2. AREAS OF COLLABORATION

2.1 The Parties agree to share best practices in the sustainable development of both the fishing and aquaculture industries.

2.2 The Parties agree to work cooperatively, along with industry associations as appropriate, on:

- a) Regulation and policy development;
- b) Research and development projects;
- c) Community engagement approaches; and
- d) Training and education activities

that support sustainable development.

3. MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

3.1 The Parties agree to set up a Management Committee whose membership shall consist of a maximum of three officials from each Party who are responsible for fishing and aquaculture development.

3.2 The Management Committee will meet twice a year, with additional ad-hoc meetings as necessary.

3.3 The Management Committee will ensure that a work plan is developed pursuant to this MOU and that the Parties are updated annually.

3.4 The work plan will assess progress on an ongoing basis and identify any new opportunities for collaboration.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

Each Party will endeavour to provide reasonable notice to the other Party of any public announcement relating to the signing of this MOU or of any decision taken in furtherance of the MOU's objective.

5. TERMS AND GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 5.1 This MOU shall commence on the date that it is signed by both Parties.
- 5.2 Either party may withdraw from this MOU by providing the other Party with ninety (90) days' written notice of withdrawal.
- 5.3 This MOU may be amended at any time, by the mutual agreement of both Parties, by the exchange of letters.
- 5.4 Each Party shall be responsible for its own costs in relation to execution of this MOU.
- 5.5 This MOU is not intended to constitute an agreement that will be legally binding on the Parties and is not intended to be relied on by the Parties as creating any legal rights or obligations.


The Parties are signing this Agreement on the date(s) stated below:

TASMANIA, as represented by the Minister for Primary Industries and Water


Honourable Guy Barnett
Minister for Primary Industries and Water

February 2019
Date

NOVA SCOTIA, as represented by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture


Honourable Keith Colwell
Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture

15 February 2019
Date