



Leasing Policy and Regulatory Considerations for New Species

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- Introduction and Transfer Licence
- Fish Health considerations
- Leasing Authority





Introductions and Transfers

- Part VIII Fisheries (General) Regulations
 - Release of Live Fish into Fish Habitat and Transfer of Live Fish to a Fish Rearing Facility
 - Section 56 F(G)R
 - Proper Management and Control of Fisheries
 - Fish Health*
 - Genetic



Introductions and Transfers

- National I&T policy
 - Renewed in 2013 due to changes in fish health management responsibilities
 - Provides a decision making framework
 - Introduction of a non-native or exotic species would require a risk assessment.



Introductions & Transfers Risk Assessment

- Probably and consequences of establishment or impact on native species.
 - Probably – H, M, L
 - Consequence - H, M, L
 - Certainty of risk – VU, RU, RC, VC
 - Final Risk Level – Highest H, M, L value with lowest certainty rating
 - Acceptable Risk = Low



Fish Health Considerations

- NAAHP
 - CFIA program
 - Domestic / Import programs
 - Independent of I&T program
- Atlantic Fish Health Certificate of Transfer
 - Atlantic Provinces Program
 - Linked to I&T programs



Leasing Authority

- PEI has a unique regulatory environment
- Federal / Provincial MOU
 - Federal authorizations
 - No aquaculture specific Act or Regulation
- Section 7 Fisheries Act
 - Authority for the issuance of leases.



Leasing Authority

- Lease Contract
 - Fees, site maintenance, comply with Fisheries Act and Navigable Waters Protection Act, utilization, etc.
- PEI Shellfish Aquaculture Leasing Policy
 - Developed by the PEI Aquaculture Lease Management Board
 - Operational guidance



Leasing Authority

- PEI Aquaculture Leasing Policy
 - Allows for multiple species on one lease
 - Application must include:
 - Site development plan
 - Production plan



Leasing Authority

- Land-based Facilities
 - DFO has no authority to issue authorizations