

TRIM # COR/2017/04712  
Our File # FLR/56/2017

November 16, 2017

Dear Applicant:

**Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* [Our File #: FLR/56/2017]**

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On November 3, 2017 the Department of Fisheries and Land Resources (FLR) received your request for access to the following records/information:

*"1) Numbers of cages and sites (unidentified) that tested positive for any monitored viral/bacterial/protozoan/lice in 2015 to current date on aquaculture salmonids, specifically naming which viruses/bacteria/protozoans were found. What known (globally) aquaculture salmonid viruses were not tested for including specific strains of a given virus. Please include any "outside source" testing results used by government.*

*2) What lice infestation rate monitoring and compliance testing as conducted from 2015 to today including recorded lice amounts per cage and site. Sites can remain unidentified."*

FLR wishes to advise you that your request has been disregarded. FLR has determined that, in accordance with section 21(1)(a) of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (the Act), the request would unreasonably interfere with the operations of the department. The Information and Privacy Commissioner has approved the department's application to disregard this request on these grounds.

*21(1) The head of a public body may, not later than 5 business days after receiving a request, apply to the commissioner for approval to disregard the request where the head is of the opinion that*

- (a) the request would unreasonably interfere with the operations of the public body;*
- (b) the request is for information already provided to the applicant; or*
- (c) the request would amount to an abuse of the right to make a request because it is*
  - (i) trivial, frivolous or vexatious,*
  - (ii) unduly repetitive or systematic,*
  - (iii) excessively broad or incomprehensible, or*
  - (iv) otherwise made in bad faith.*

Please be advised that you may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review the processing of your access request, as set out in section 42 of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (the Act). A request to the Commissioner must be made in writing within 15 business days of the date of this letter or within a longer period that may be allowed by the Commissioner.

The address and contact information of the Information and Privacy Commissioner is as follows:

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner  
2 Canada Drive  
P. O. Box 13004, Stn. A  
St. John's, NL. A1B 3V8

Telephone: (709) 729-6309  
Toll-Free: 1-877-729-6309  
Facsimile: (709) 729-6500

You may also appeal directly to the Supreme Court Trial Division within 15 business days after you receive the decision of the public body, pursuant to section 52 of the *Act*.

Please be advised that this letter will be published following a 72-hour period after it is sent electronically to you or five business days in the case where records are mailed to you. It is the goal to have the letter posted to the Completed Access to Information Requests website within one business day following the applicable period of time. Please note that requests for personal information will not be posted online.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned by telephone at (709) 729-3730 or by e-mail at [hollyphilpott@gov.nl.ca](mailto:hollyphilpott@gov.nl.ca).

Sincerely,



**Holly Philpott**  
ATIPP Coordinator