March 22, 2016

Dear Applicant:

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act FA/05/2016

On February 19, 2016, The Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture (DFA) received your request for access to the following records:

"Provide copies of any documents, including funding agreements, contracts, correspondence, etc. regarding any funding or support provided to Clearwater Seafoods to purchase or set up a plant in the province to process surf crab, since 2006"

This request was later clarified in our February 26, 2016, correspondence to the following:

"Provide copies of any documents, including funding agreements, contracts, correspondence, etc. regarding any funding or support provided to Clearwater Seafoods to purchase or set up a plant in the province to process surf clam, since 2006"

The department has no records responsive to your request.

Please be advised that you may appeal this decision and ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review the decision to provide partial access to the requested information, as set out in section 42 of the Act (a copy of this section of the Act has been enclosed for your reference). 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. Your appeal should identify your concerns with the request and why you are submitting the appeal.

The appeal may be addressed to the Information and Privacy Commissioner as follows:

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner
2 Canada Drive
P.O. Box 13004, Stn. A
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 (a copy of this section of the Act has been enclosed for your reference).

Please be advised that responsive records will be published following a 72 hour period after the response 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 responsive records posted to the Office of Public Engagement's 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 contact me by telephone at 709-729-4797 or by email at rhondahickey@gov.nl.ca

Sincerely,

Rhonda Hickey
ATIPP Coordinator

Enclosures