July 10, 2014

Dear [NAME],*

**Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act [Our File #: FA/13/2014]**

On June 10, 2014, the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture (DFA) received your request for access to the following records/information:

*All Emails, memos, letters, notes regarding Infectious Salmon Anemia or ISA in N.L. from June 1, 2012 to June 1, 2014.*

On June 20, 2014, you amended your request for access to the following records/information:

*All Emails, letters, memos notes and documents between January 1, 2012 - June 15, 2014 regarding the Â sale of Infectious Salmon Anemia (ISA) – infected-salmon or trout for human or animal consumption.*

Please be advised that our records indicate that we have no records responsive to the sale of Infectious Salmon Anemia (ISA) salmon or trout.

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) is solely responsible for aquatic reportable disease cases in Canada of which ISA is one. DFA has a surveillance program which provides diagnostic services, and if a reportable disease is suspected by a DFA employee, as required under the Health of Animals Act, CFIA is contacted. CFIA as the lead agency will place the site under quarantine as a precautionary measure to restrict the movement of people, fish, vessels, equipment, and other potentially infectious material to prevent the spread of a suspected reportable disease.

Under the Health of Animals Act, CFIA can issue a depopulation order and provide support to assist with compensation to cover the loss and costs of destruction. In the cases of ISA in Newfoundland and Labrador, a depopulation order was issued by CFIA, and the ISA affected

*Note: [NAME]'s name has been redacted.*
fish were disposed of under its supervision either in an approved landfill or at a meal plant. It is important to note that ISA is not harmful to humans; there is no risk to human health through consumption or contact with the infected fish. Nonetheless, as noted above, none of the fish from ISA positive sites were processed for human consumption.

The department continues to work with CFIA and the companies providing veterinary advice, diagnostic support, facilities, and quarantine assistance. Companies which own infected farms have to submit quarantine Standard Operating Procedures to CFIA. DFA has provided assistance with revisions related to disinfection, harvest, destruction, and movement of the fish in the event a depopulation order was issued.

Section 43 of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the Act) provides that you may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review the processing of your access request or you may appeal to the Supreme Court Trial Division. A request to the Commissioner shall be made in writing within 60 days of the date of this letter or within a longer period that may be allowed by the Information and Privacy Commissioner.

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

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner
34 Pippy Place
P. O. Box 13004, Stn. A
St. John’s, NL A1B 3V8

Telephone: (709) 729-6309
Facsimile: (709) 729-6500

In the event that you choose to appeal to the Trial Division, you must do so within 30 days of the date of this letter. Section 60 of the Act sets out the process to be followed when filing such an appeal.

Please be advised that this letter will be published following a 72-hour period after it is sent electronically to you or 5 business days in the case where records are mailed to you. It is the goal to have the letter posted to the Office of Public Engagement's website within 1 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 Beth Bartlett, ATIPP Coordinator, by telephone at (709) 729-3712 or by e-mail at elizabethbartlett@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

David Lewis
Deputy Minister (A)