March 26, 2014

Dear [Redacted]

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act [Our File #: FA/7/2014]

On February 24, 2014, the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture received your request for access to the following records:

An itemized list of any financial or other benefits to accrue to the provincial government as a result of the 49% equity stake with an OCI holding company re: FPI/OCI groundfish licences and allocations. The province entered into an MOU with the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans for a nine-year condition of licence on the quotas held by FPI.

Please be advised that the benefit to accrue to the provincial government is that the landing requirement ensures the province will extract the optimum economic benefit from fisheries resources adjacent to Newfoundland and Labrador. When fish is landed in the province, it becomes subject to the current legislative authority which prescribes minimum processing requirements (MPRs), the Fish Inspection Act R.S.N.L. 1990, c. F-12. Specifically, section 4 (2) (p) enables the Minister to make regulations prescribing minimum processing requirements. The objective of the MPRs is to ensure benefits to the province are optimized.

The following link is provided for your reference of the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture’s mandate: [http://www.fishaq.gov.nl.ca/department/index.html#mandate](http://www.fishaq.gov.nl.ca/department/index.html#mandate).

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.

If you have any further questions, please contact Ms. Beth Bartlett, ATIPP Coordinator, by phone at 709-729-3712 or by e-mail at elizabethbartlett@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

David Lewis
Deputy Minister (A)