July 14, 2015

Dear Applicant:

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act [Our File #: FA/46/2015]

On June 29, 2015, the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture (DFA) received your request to the following records:

Information about commercial Seal Fishery during the past 5 years:

1. Names and contact outlets of Seal Meat Harvestors.
2. List of Registered Plants processing Seal Meat for human consumption.
3. Annual Seals harvested at the Front.
4. Annual Production of Seal Carcasses for human consumption.
5. Annual export of Seal Meat and Penis to the Far East.
7. Name of the plants to contact for Seal Meal.

I am pleased to inform you that a decision has been made by the Deputy Minister for DFA to provide access to the responsive records.

You were previously provided with a list of licensed buyers and contacts for 2011-15, a list of licensed processors for 2011-15, and the Newfoundland and Labrador seal exports for 2010-14 (latest data available). The following table includes statistics for harp seal landings for the Newfoundland region that includes the front for 2011-15.

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<td>60,206</td>
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<td>2011</td>
<td>33,144</td>
<td>4,679</td>
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<td>TOTALS</td>
<td>250,422</td>
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Source: Fisheries and Oceans Canada
On July 8, 2015, additional information was requested on whether seal genitalia are exported to any other country. DFA has no responsive records. The export data is provided by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and seal genitalia as a product type is not separated out in the export codes.

The department does not track the annual production of seal carcasses for human consumption. As such, DFA has no records responsive to your request. However, information can be provided for the annual production of flippers and meat for 2013, and that amount was 30,804 kilograms.

DFA has no responsive records pertaining to your request for information requested in questions 6 and 7.

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 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 ellenotoole@gov.nl.ca

Sincerely,

Ellen O’Toole
ATIPP Coordinator