November 25, 2015

Dear Applicant:

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act [FA/49/2015]

On November 16, 2015, the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture (DFA) received your request for access to the following records:

“Microplastics found in fish from the last five years. How much fish we consumed in the past five years.”

On November 16, 2015, your request was clarified to the following:

“Microplastics found in fish from the last five years. How much fish was consumed in Newfoundland and Labrador in the past five years?”

Please be advised that the Deputy Minister has reviewed this request and DFA has no records responsive to your request. As noted in previous correspondence on November 16, 2015, and November 23, 2015, the department collects data on volumes produced (final weight) by in-province retail establishments. This information was provided to you on November 23, 2015.

If you require further information on fish production statistics, please contact Sandra Murphy, Licensing Administrator, Licensing and Quality Assurance Division, at (709) 729-3719.

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 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 feel free to contact me by telephone at (709) 729-3712 or by email at wandaleewiseman@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

Wanda Wiseman
ATIPP Coordinator