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Warden Danny Muisse
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Dear Warden Muisse:

Thank you for your letter reaffirming the Municipality of the District of Argyle's (MoDA) support for the Argyle Aquaculture Development Area (ADA) pilot project and seeking a meeting with staff from my department to discuss how we can continue to constructively engage local stakeholders and the public about this project.

As outlined in my letter of August 8, 2024, the department is continuing through the regulated process for the first six sites where the Call for Proposals were issued. As part of that process, the public will have an opportunity to provide comments on applications that may be received for those sites. Department staff will keep MoDA informed on the progress of the six applications and will share any feedback they receive on the applications with an aim to meet after the application process is completed.

We would be very pleased to meet with your council and staff to discuss how to best engage residents of Argyle going forward. I suggest that we do this following the conclusion of the current process for the six sites already underway. That will allow us all the opportunity to evaluate the approach taken and identify opportunities for improvement. The department will not issue any other calls for proposals through the ADA until after we have the chance to meet.

I hope this approach is acceptable to the Municipality and we look forward to working with you on the continued development of the ADA pilot project.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kent Smith', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kent Smith, E.C.N.S.