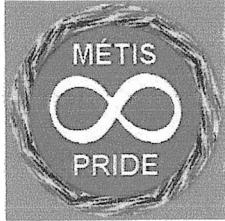


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Greg Foster – Municipal Councillor
Municipality of the District of Argyle

Dear Greg:

Kespu'kwitk Métis Council has been made aware that aquaculture projects are being proposed in areas that may be protected under the *Nova Scotia Wilderness Act*. It is our understanding that commercial and industrial activities, including aquaculture, are prohibited within wilderness areas under this legislation.

This concerns our membership, particularly those living in the areas of Salt Bay and Eel Lake. Members report that current aquaculture practices there have already adversely affected the bloodworm population, which, in turn, has resulted in a marked decline in the numbers of ducks and geese who feed on bloodworms, subsequently forcing them to nest in other areas.

Further, we have heard from a member of KMC that a Notice of Public Comment regarding a proposed shellfish farm was delivered to them within the past month, inviting public feedback between October 15, 2025 and November 14, 2025; a deadline falling long before the member was in receipt of the Notice. Public consultation on this matter appears to be minimal.

We are requesting that the issue of the integrity of the *Nova Scotia Wilderness Act* in the affected areas be brought forward at the next meeting of Council, and that robust public consultation take place. We urge council to address this matter promptly and without bias.

Sincerely,

Jo-Anne Muise Lawless
President

John Paul Babin
Head Elder, Kespu'kwitk Métis Council