

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING** made in duplicate this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

**Between:**

**HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN** in right of the Province of Nova Scotia, represented in this behalf by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture, (hereinafter referred to as the "Minister")

**OF THE FIRST PART**

- and -

**MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE**, (hereinafter referred to as "The Municipality")

**OF THE SECOND PART**

**WHEREAS** the Minister, by authority of the *Fisheries and Coastal Resources Act* ("Act"), is responsible for the general supervision and management of the aquaculture industry in Nova Scotia;

**AND WHEREAS** the Municipality has expressed interest in developing the aquaculture industry in and around the waters adjacent to the Municipality, ideally through an Aquaculture Development Area ("ADA") as enabled in the Act;

**AND WHEREAS** the parties recognize the mutual benefit of planned aquaculture development.

**NOW THEREFORE** in consideration of the covenants and agreements contained in this Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU"), the parties agree as follows:

1. The Minister and the Municipality agree to collaboratively explore opportunities for aquaculture development in the waters in and around the Municipality for the purposes of working to establish an "ADA".
2. The Minister and Municipality agree to work collaboratively on the collection of social, economic and ecological information that would support an ADA.
3. The Minister and Municipality shall respect each other's authority and powers.

- 4. While the Minister and Municipality agree to work collaboratively to create the conditions for meaningful engagement, the Municipality agrees to lead engagement with stakeholders identified within the surrounding communities.
- 5. This MOU shall expire three years after the date of signing unless renewed in writing by the Parties.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** the parties hereto have caused this MOU to be properly executed on the date stated above.

	)	<b>HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN</b> in right of the
	)	Province of Nova Scotia as represented in this
	)	behalf by the Minister of Fisheries
	)	and Aquaculture
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Witness	)	Honourable Keith Colwell. E.C.N.S
	)	Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture
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	)	<b>Municipality of the District of Argyle</b>
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