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Warden Danny Muise Municipality of the District of Argyle P.O. Box 10 Tusket, NS, B0W 3M0

By Electronic Mail: dmuise@munargyle.com

Dear Warden Muise:

I am writing to reaffirm our commitment to working with the Municipality of the District of Argyle on the Argyle Aquaculture Development Area Pilot Project and to express my continued support for the ADA. As we navigate the complexities and milestones of this project, it is essential to acknowledge that success is reliant on continued cooperation between my department and the Municipality.

We understand that there have been a number of questions raised related to the future development of the ADA. The department will continue through the regulated process for the first six sites where a Call for Proposals has been issued, however we are committed to working with the Municipality to determine the appropriate next steps for the remaining areas within the ADA.

In light of this, we remain fully committed to working closely with you and your Municipal colleagues to address concerns as they may arise. We value the insights that the Municipality brings to the table and believe that, together, we can work towards the continued development of the ADA.

Thank you for your continued support. We are confident that with our combined efforts, the Argyle ADA will achieve the desired outcomes and deliver significant value to the community and province as a whole.

Yours sincerely,

Hønourable Kent Smith, E.C.N.S