
Fwd: No process will be perfect

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The Argle aquaculture development controversy continues, and I think it is important to remember some reasons as to why the strategy was developed.

The Lobster Bay region, with its combination of shelter and high productivity, has high potential for aquaculture. The area faces economic challenges, including declining wild fisheries, and alternate economic activities are needed. Culture of species like oysters, mussels, and seaweed don't pollute; in fact *au contraire*! And over time, oyster reefs can strengthen shorelines against erosion. I cannot think of a more suitable economic activity to encourage in Argyle municipality than aquaculture of shellfish and seaweed.

Will every site be suitable? No, and in some cases, there are site-specific reasons. Public consultation is important to determine these, as well, and while there may have been some gaps in the initial consultation process, did the folks who are objecting now follow the initial discussions and participate at that time? There may be a bit of your side, my side and the right side at play, here.

By this time, federal and provincial staff should have been able to address concerns about interference with transportation. I will grant that swimming and bottoms covered with oyster shells are not a good mix, but I think there is room for both activities, and a little altruism in favour of strengthening the local economy is not out of place. Ditto for those who don't like the appearance of oyster rafts. Aesthetics are highly subjective; some might not like the appearance of fishing boats, either!

Aquaculture development in Argyle Municipality should proceed, and the focus should be on where, not if.