

October 7, 2019

Stéphane Cyr
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Dear: Mr. Cyr

Re: Atlantic Fisheries Fund

I am writing today to bring to your attention the *Atlantic Fisheries Fund (AFF)*. The *AFF* is a significant investment in one of our most important economic sectors – the seafood sector. The *Atlantic Fisheries Fund* is a cost shared partnership between the Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture (NSDFA) and the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO). Provincial and Federal contributions together will provide more than \$125 Million to support industry projects.

The *AFF* focuses on three areas, which are innovation (encouraging the development of new products and technologies in the harvesting, aquaculture and processing sectors), infrastructure (encouraging the use of new technologies or processes to improve sustainability), and science partnerships (industry-based collaborations with academia and other research institutions to improve knowledge and understanding). Eligible applicants to the Atlantic Fisheries Fund include: Commercial Enterprises (Harvesters, Processors, Aquaculturists) and Non-Commercial Organizations.

Municipal governments can be key partners in collaborating on the promotion of the Atlantic Fisheries Fund, and also supporting industry participants in accessing the program. As a Municipality where the seafood sector is of great importance, I would be pleased to arrange a time to present to your Council on this exciting opportunity for the seafood sector in your communities. I can be reached at 902-424-3036 or via email at Brennan.Goreham@novascotia.ca should you wish to discuss scheduling a presentation.

Yours truly,



Brennan Goreham
Director, Atlantic Fisheries Fund
Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture

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