



## **Town Supports Expansion of Indian Head Hatchery**

The Town of Stephenville is voicing strong support for the proposed expansion of the Indian Head Hatchery, an important aquaculture facility within the municipality.

In a letter to the Honourable Scott Reid, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, the Town highlighted the economic, environmental, and community benefits of the project.

The expansion includes major infrastructure upgrades to boost production and improve operations. Planned improvements include enhanced freshwater and saltwater systems, new effluent treatment facilities, and modern environmental controls.

“This initiative represents a significant step forward for the aquaculture sector in Newfoundland and Labrador,” said Tom Rose, Mayor of Stephenville. “It aligns perfectly with our community’s commitment to sustainable economic development, environmental responsibility, and rural revitalization.”

The larger facility is expected to significantly increase the production of high-quality salmon smolts for licensed sea cage operations across the province. The project could bring more jobs, new investment, and long-term economic gains to Stephenville.

“The proponent has demonstrated a continued commitment to our community and to meeting the highest environmental standards,” the Mayor added. “We’re confident this expansion will be both economically beneficial and environmentally responsible.”

The Town is calling on the provincial government to support the expansion and help move the approval process forward, noting that the project aligns with Newfoundland and Labrador’s goals for climate action and sustainable industry.