

December 3, 2008

Ms. Jennifer Robinson  
Compliance Officer  
Atlantic Salmon of Maine, LLC  
133 Small's Point Road  
Machiasport, Maine 04655

**RE: Atlantic Salmon Aquaculture General Permit #MEG130000  
APPROVAL – Notice of Intent for Starboard Island #MEG130001**

Dear Ms. Robinson:

Enclosed, please find a Department Order granting coverage for Atlantic Salmon of Maine, LLC's Starboard Island facility (DMR Designation: MACH II) under the Atlantic Salmon Aquaculture General Permit #MEG130000, which was issued on September 22, 2008.

A copy of the final (9/22/08) Maine Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MEPDES) permit #MEG130000 was previously mailed to you. The final permit is also available to view and download at: [http://www.maine.gov/dep/blwq/docstand/wd/atlantic\\_salmon\\_aquaculture/index.htm](http://www.maine.gov/dep/blwq/docstand/wd/atlantic_salmon_aquaculture/index.htm). Please read the permit and its attached conditions carefully. You must follow the conditions in the order to satisfy the requirements of law.

Any interested person aggrieved by a Department determination made pursuant to applicable regulations, may appeal the decision following the procedures described in the attached DEP FACT SHEET entitled "*Appealing a Commissioner's Licensing Decision.*"

If you have any questions regarding the matter, please feel free to call me at 287-7659.

Sincerely,

Bill Hinkel  
Division of Water Quality Management  
Bureau of Land and Water Quality

Enc.

pc: Matt Young, DEP  
Lori Mitchell, DEP  
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Sylvia Brann, DMR  
Sandy Lao, USEPA  
File #W8165

**IN THE MATTER OF**

ATLANTIC SALMON OF MAINE, LLC	)	ATLANTIC SALMON AQUACULTURE
MACHIASPORT, WASHINGTON COUNTY, ME	)	GRANTING OF COVERAGE
STARBOARD ISLAND	)	
#W008165-5Y-B-R	)	MEG130000
#MEG130001	)	<b>GENERAL PERMIT</b>
<b>MACH II</b>	)	<b>RENEWAL</b>
<b>APPROVAL</b>	)	

The Department of Environmental Protection (Department) has considered the Notice of Intent submitted by ATLANTIC SALMON OF MAINE, LLC, with supportive data, agency review comments and other related materials on file for coverage under the Atlantic Salmon Aquaculture General Permit, #MEG130000, issued by the Department on September 22, 2008, and FINDS THE FOLLOWING FACTS.

The applicant proposes to operate an Atlantic salmon aquaculture facility consisting of a maximum of 21 100-meter circular net pens in the waters of Machias Bay, Class SB, in Machiasport, Maine. This permitting action is a renewal of the original granting of coverage issued by the Department in Waste Discharge License #W008165-5Y-A-N on July 28, 2003. The applicant has indicated that it intends to comply with the terms and conditions of the 9/22/08 Atlantic Salmon Aquaculture General Permit. The permittee is authorized to discharge only: 1) in accordance with the permittee's Notice of Intent, accepted for processing on November 11, 2008; and 2) in accordance with the terms and conditions of Atlantic Salmon Aquaculture General Permit, #MEG130000 issued on 9/22/08.

Operated in accordance with the Atlantic Salmon Aquaculture General Permit, #MEG130000, the discharges identified by the applicant will not have a significant adverse effect on water quality or cause or contribute to the violation of the water quality standards of the receiving water.

THEREFORE, the Department GRANTS coverage for ATLANTIC SALMON OF MAINE, LLC under the Atlantic Salmon Aquaculture General Permit, #MEG130000, subject to the terms and conditions therein.

DONE AND DATED AT AUGUSTA, MAINE, THIS 2<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF December, 2008.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
DAVID P. LITTELL, Commissioner

PLEASE NOTE ATTACHED SHEET FOR GUIDANCE ON APPEAL PROCEDURES

Public notice of the Notice of Intent was published on or about October 24, 2008.  
A Notice of Intent was received by the Department on November 6, 2008.

Date filed with Board of Environmental Protection: \_\_\_\_\_